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THE following report on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during 1879 has been prepared on the same plan as that drawn up last year. Some additions have, however, been made to the tables in the appendix, with a view to bringing into more full relief the amount of business devolving on the Criminal Courts, and the result of trials.

In the current year the plan has been introduced of requiring the District Magistrates to submit their statements and reports direct to the Court. The compilation of the figures for the whole province may thus be expedited, provided that the returns are received in a correct shape. On the present occasion many errors have been committed, and some loss of time has occurred, which a proper attention on the part of certain officers would have obviated.

Area and population.

The total area of the territory, the subject of the present report, is 138,614 square miles, and the population 59,051,641 souls. The figures entered in Statement 1 have been obtained from the local Government, and represent the area and population of each district as now recorded. In the past year several important changes in jurisdictions were made. The districts of Manbhoom, East Burdwan, and Moorshedabad, were reduced, while Hooghly, Bancoorah, and Beerbhoom, were enlarged. The Sessions division of Julpigoree and Darjeeling was abolished. The former was attached to Rungpore, and the latter to Dinagepore. A new Sessions division was created, including Pubna and Bogra, and Maldah was transferred to Rajshahye.

See Statement 1.

Judicial Divisions.

Including Calcutta, the number of Sessions divisions at the close of the year was 30. These included 43 districts and 126 divisions of districts. The sub-division of Bood Bood was abolished during the year, and two new sub-divisions were opened, one at Kandi, in Moorshedabad, and one at Bishenpore, in Bancoorah.

The Sonthal Pergunnahs are not included in the figures given above. The Magistrates in that district are under the control of the Commissioner* of Bhaugulpore, who exercises the power of revision in regard to their proceedings. Appeals from the sentences of all Subordinate Magistrates lie to the Deputy Commissioner, and appeals from sentences of the Deputy Commissioner lie to the Commissioner of Bhaugulpore. The Sessions Judge of Beerbhoom tries all commitments except those from Rajmehal, which are tried by the Judge of Bhaugulpore. Appeals from the sentences of the Sessions Judges lie to the High Court, which also exercises, in respect to the proceedings of these Judges, all powers of revision and of passing orders on references vested in the Court by the Criminal Procedure Code.†

* *Vide* the orders of Government, No. 259T, dated 16th August 1862.

† *Vide* Government Notification dated 23rd ~~September~~ 1872.
Accurate ?

I.—THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

Presidency Magistrates.

In Calcutta the number of Stipendiary Magistrates was 2, the same as in the previous year. The number of Honorary Magistrates was 63, as compared with 48 in the previous year.

Sessions Judges.

In the interior the number of Sessions Judges of all grades at the close of the year was 31, as compared with 33 at the close of 1878. The decrease is due to the abolition of the Sessions Judge and of the Joint Sessions Judge of Julpigoree and Darjeeling.

District Magistrates.

The number of District Magistrates at the end of 1879 was 42, the same as at the end of the previous year.

Ditto with special powers under Sec 36, C. P. C.

The officers vested with special powers for the trial of heinous offences under section 36 of the Code of Criminal Procedure are the Deputy Commissioners of Hazaribagh, Lohardugga, Manbhoom, Singbhoom, Julpigoree, and Darjeeling.

Magistrates of all grades.

Including District Magistrates, but excluding the Presidency Magistrates in Calcutta, the total number of Magistrates of each class at the close of 1878 and of 1879 respectively was as follows:—

	1878	1879
Stipendiary	394	375
Honorary	1,033	1,092

Of the Stipendiary Magistrates employed at the close of last year, 216 exercised first class, 67 second class, and 92 third class powers. The number of Honorary Magistrates is not correctly stated in some of the local returns. In some cases therefore the figures entered in Annual Statement 1 have been taken from the Civil List.

Benches of Magistrates.

The number of Benches of Magistrates constituted under section 50 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 158 at the close of the past, as compared with 151 at the close of the previous year. The only districts where Benches have not now been constituted are Hazaribagh, Lohardugga, and Manbhoom. In Calcutta two Benches of Magistrates have been constituted under section 8, Act IV of 1877.

II.—CRIME RETURNS

In the following report the figures given for 1878 will not be found to agree with those given in last report. This is due to the fact that the returns of the Presidency Magistrates in Calcutta have now been compiled together with those of the Magistrates in the interior. The reports received from the former class of officers are, however, still defective, and in some respects an accurate comparison between the results of the past and of the previous year is rendered impossible in consequence.

The following statement shows the number of offences reported, of cases returned as true, and of cases brought to trial during each of the past two years:—

	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true	Number of cases brought to trial
1878	233,147	196,168	132,489
1879	225,942	189,408	126,756

As regards offences reported, a decrease occurred in the past year under class VI of 1,316 cases, under class VII of 3,400 cases, and under class VIII of 2,520 cases. On the contrary, there was an increase under class II of 418 cases, and under class IX of 459 cases.

The following are the chief districts in which an increase of crime occurred:—

	Cases reported.		Cases returned as true	
	1878	1879.	1878.	1879
Bhaugulpore	4,103	4,864	2,208	3,748
Cuttack	4,757	5,720	3,513	4,257
Darjeeling	1,309	2,363	1,245	2,193
Hooghly	4,790	5,875	4,614	5,265
Patna	5,901	6,734	5,419	6,194
Tipperah	5,750	7,476	5,098	6,554

The following, on the other hand, are the chief districts in which a decrease of crime occurred :—

	Offences reported.		Cases returned as true.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Chittagong	4,850	3,745	2,257	3,022
Furreedpore	7,236	6,274	6,852	5,441
Howrah	7,301	6,396	6,747	5,768
Rajshahye	3,816	2,929	3,123	2,496
Sarun	4,257	3,369	3,656	2,835
Chumparun	2,704	2,589	2,607	2,075
Shahabad	6,122	4,755	5,284	4,138
24-Pergunnahs	16,872	15,999	11,604	13,930
Hazaribagh	2,533	1,883	2,051	1,715

The following is a brief abstract of the remarks made by District Officers in explanation of the results exhibited in their returns :—

Bhaugulpore.—The increase has been chiefly under the head of special laws, of cases of public and local nuisances sent up by the police, the Bhaugulpore Municipality having been specially directing its attention towards sanitation this year.

Cuttack.—The increase is attributable chiefly to the following heads of crime :—Breach of police law, breach of salt law, and breach of cantonment law.

Darjeeling.—The increase is chiefly due to prosecutions by the new patrol police for obstructions to traffic on the hill cart-road. The increase in offences against the person and against property was to be expected, the population, trade, and wealth of the district having largely increased these last few years.

Hooghly.—The increase in crime in this district is partly accounted for by the increase made in its area towards the close of the year.

Patna.—The increase is said to have occurred in offences under Chapters VIII, IX, X, and XVII of the Penal Code.

Tipperah.—There was an increase of nearly 25 per cent. in the number of offences reported; but the Magistrate states that, on the other hand, there has been a decrease in the number of serious crimes. The sub-division of Chandpore was open during the whole of the year 1879, and only for six months in 1878—a fact which will account for a portion of the increase. There were more prosecutions under special laws (334 more), owing to the introduction of the Arms Act.

Chittagong.—The Magistrate, alluding to the remarkable decrease in the number of offences reported, says :—"There have been favourable harvests, and the condition of the district has been prosperous; consequently crime has decreased."

Furreedpore.—The decrease in crime is attributed to the care taken in looking up and watching bad characters, and to the orders passed by the Magistrate, requiring the investigation of every case of theft which might be supposed to be the work of professional criminals.

Howrah.—The decrease in the number of cases is partially due to the transfer of Thannah Khanacool to Jehanabad in October last; but apart from that, there is a large decrease. This is partly due to improved police arrangements.

Rajshahye.—The most marked decrease was in the cases under Chapters IX, X, and XVI of the Indian Penal Code, and under Special Laws. There was an increase in offences against property, attributed to some extent to the high prices of food.

Chumparun.—The fall in the price of food-grains, consequent on the better outturn of the harvests, kept the non-agricultural classes from resorting to petty thefts for subsistence.

Shahabad.—The District Magistrate remarks as follows :—"With respect to the cognizable cases under these headings (VI and VII), the decrease is to a certain extent due to improved police administration, and to the better working of the chowkidari system. "But after allowing full credit for the effect of improved police administration, I consider that the main cause of the decrease

of crime in 1879 was the improvement in the material condition of the people. The year 1878 was one of exceptionally high prices. The rise began in 1877, during the latter part of which year there was a startling increase of crime, owing to pressure of distress on the people; and this continued during the greater part of 1878. Towards the end of the year, the condition of the people improved, and there was an immediate decrease in crime. This held good for the whole of 1879."

Hazaribagh.—The decrease in offences against property is attributed to the fact of a good harvest and proper supervision over the bad characters.

Rejected complaints and false cases.

The number of complaints rejected and of cases struck off as false was 36,459, or 16·1 per cent. of the total number of offences reported in the past year, as compared with 36,979, or 15·9 per cent., in the previous year. In the following statement complaints rejected under section 147 of the Criminal Procedure Code are distinguished from complaints formally declared to be false by the order of a Magistrate:—

	Complaints rejected.	Cases struck off as false.
1878	21,837	15,142
1879	21,583	14,876

Taking the figures for the province as a whole, the variation between the results of the past two years is not remarkable. On an examination, however, of the details given for each district in Table B, a very striking variation is observable in the practice in different districts, and in the same districts in different years. In Chittagong, for instance, where 2,386 complaints were rejected in 1878, only 569 were rejected in 1879. The result is that the cases returned as true in the former year are greatly less than those so returned in the latter. In Bhaugulpore, Pooree, and the 24-Pergunnahs similarly, there has been a great and unexplained decrease in the number of complaints rejected. On the other hand, there has been an enormous increase in the districts of East Burdwan, Cuttack, Dacca, Mymensingh, and Midnapore. The variations are so considerable as to throw doubt upon the correctness of the returns, and to suggest that the system of registration of complaints in the districts concerned must be defective.

The same remarks apply in respect to cases struck off as false. The decrease, which is most marked in Mymensingh, Rungpore, and the 24-Pergunnahs, and the increase, which is most marked in Hooghly, Pubna, Maldah, and Chumparun, are such as indicate much laxity of practice in the matter of declaring complaints to be false and without foundation. The tendency is, however, clearly to restrict the number of cases so dealt with, and in the case of some districts it is explained that this is the result of orders issued by the Government through the Inspector General of Police defining the cases which should be struck out of the returns.

Cases returned as true.

Laxity of practice in the matter of striking off cases must necessarily affect materially the value of the returns showing the number of true cases in each district. The usual figures will, however, be found in Table C. As a guide in considering them, the figures in Table D, showing the number of persons convicted under each head of crime in each district, will also be referred to.

Class I

No cases under Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code were returned as true last year.

Class II.

The number of offences against the public tranquillity under Chapter VIII of the Penal Code amounted to 2,654 in the past, as compared with 2,505 in the previous year. The following are the districts where these crimes are most prevalent:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Backergunge	253	270	795	680
Furreedpore	222	211	314	314
Mymensingh	97	162	178	355
Tipperah	143	131	363	489
Dacca	201	180	480	342

Referring to the slight decrease in rioting cases, the Magistrate of Furreedpore remarks that in his opinion a good deal of the result is due to the District Superintendent of Police having ordered that, as a rule, both sides in a riot should be sent up. The result has been a large number of acquittals, which have, however, been followed by a decrease in the number of rioting cases. The Magistrate of Mymensingh states that, in consequence of the great scarcity of the years 1877 and 1878, all cultivable fallow lands and all available lands the proprietorship of which had remained in dispute for many years, were brought into cultivation, and this gave rise to many riots and affrays. In Tipperah the Magistrate states that complaints of the forcible carrying off of crops are very frequent, and that in some Courts sufficient care is not taken to reject cases where the dispute is of a nature cognizable only by the Civil Courts.

Class III.

The total number of offences by or relating to public servants under Chapters IX and X of the Code was 4,498 in the past, as compared with 4,665 in the previous year. The following are the districts where the largest number of such offences occurred :—

	Number of cases returned as true.		Number of persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Mymensingh	174	536	190	517
East Burdwan	432	289	571	505
Backergunge	345	277	496	464
24-Pergunnahs	336	221	557	287

In Mymensingh the increase is said to be due to several peons of the Civil Courts having been prosecuted during the year for various offences, and to a large number of cases having been instituted against the police for bribery. In Dinagepore the very large decrease in offences under this class is explained by the falling off in the number of prosecutions of witnesses under Section 174 for failure to comply with summonses. In Monghyr, Dacca, Mozufferpore, and Sarun also a considerable decrease, which is unexplained, has occurred in offences under this class.

Class IV.

The number of offences against public justice and of cases of false evidence under Chapter XI of the Code was 3,247 in the past, as compared with 3,220 in the previous year. The following are the chief districts where offences of this class increased during the year :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Beerbhoom	26	42	5	38
Darjeeling	10	26	6	23
Mymensingh	71	105	53	66
Pubna	64	93	41	37
Julpigoree	8	20	6	12
Shahabad	69	100	39	81

In the following districts, on the contrary, a decrease occurred :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Chittagong	104	68	75	47
Dacca	209	159	119	101
Hooghly	105	67	55	35
Tipperah	170	97	66	60
Hazaribagh	61	40	17	39

The Magistrate of Beerbhoom explains that there has been greater activity than usual in his district in prosecuting persons laying false charges. The Magistrate of Pubna gives a similar explanation, but states that the prosecutions were not attended with much success. No explanation is given of the results in the remaining districts.

Class V.

The number of offences relating to coins, stamps, weights and measures, under Chapters XII and XIII of the Code was 419, as compared with 406 in the previous year. No remarks are called for.

Class VI. There was on the whole a slight decrease in the number of offences under Chapters XIV and XV of the Code. In Darjeeling, however, there was a very marked increase, due, as already explained, to the action of the police patrol on the cart-road. By far the largest number of cases under this class occur in Calcutta, the number last year being 3,746 out of a total of 5,405.

Class VII The total number of offences affecting the human body under Chapter XVI of the Code was 52,644 in the past, as compared with 54,597 in the previous year. The following are the chief districts in which an increase occurred in the past year in offences under this class :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
24-Pergunnahs	3,945	5,496	2,010	2,008
Tipperah	2,359	2,929	776	867
Cuttack	975	1,351	470	403
Pooree	321	888	197	269
Chittagong	500	869	327	363

In the following districts, on the other hand, there was a decrease in offences under this class :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Dacca	4,841	3,851	1,732	1,413
Mymensingh	3,157	2,647	1,100	1,143
Furreedpore	3,135	2,026	791	519
Jessore	2,574	2,531	1,220	1,094
East Burdwan	2,263	1,601	1,034	683
Beerbhoom	1,023	877	413	357
Nuddea	2,638	2,136	703	771

In the 24-Pergunnahs, as shown by the number of convictions, the increase is nominal, and is due to the fact that in the past year the number of complaints rejected and struck off as false was greatly less than in the previous year. In Tipperah, Pooree, and Chittagong, there was a real increase, in explanation of which no special reasons are given.

In Jessore the decrease is said to have occurred chiefly in cases of criminal assault. In Nuddea the Magistrate attributes the decrease to the high price of food-grains.

The following statement gives details of some of the chief heads of crime included in this class :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
19. Murder	319	320	174	197
21. Culpable Homicide	255	222	207	183
30. Serious hurt	672	623	637	608
31, 34. Simple hurt and assault	51,599	47,273	19,215	18,446
40. Rape	218	179	78	56

It will be observed that under each of these chief heads the amount of crime decreased, except under the head of murder, under which the number of cases was about the same in the past as in the previous year, but the number of persons convicted was somewhat greater.

Class VIII. The total number of offences against property, under Chapter XVII of the Code, was 70,077 in the past, as compared with 72,989 in the previous year. The following are the chief districts exhibiting an increase in crime under this class :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Moorshedabad	2,260	2,565	934	1,059
Nuddea	2,887	3,103	1,005	1,126
Purneah	1,586	1,960	687	786
Tipperah	1,634	2,366	589	701
Bhaugulpore	628	1,183	428	464
Pooree	950	1,602	1,031	809

In the following districts a decrease occurred:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Backergunge	1,972	1,562	664	784
Gya	3,734	2,886	958	618
Noacolly	1,483	991	872	571
Chumparun	1,805	1,402	732	488
Hazaribagh	1,510	1,036	858	745
Manbhoom	1,733	964	512	478

The reasons which have already been assigned generally for an increase or decrease of crime in individual districts, have in particular affected the amount of crime under this class. It is not therefore necessary to reproduce the remarks of District Magistrates.

The following statement gives details of the chief heads of crime falling under this class:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
42, 43, 55. Theft and receipt of stolen property	33,864	31,670	20,746	18,939
49-52. Dacoity	202	181	217	297
44-48. Robbery and extortion	1,125	1,123	376	431
61. House-trespass and burglary	18,384	17,557	2,725	2,644

There has been a decrease in the number of cases under each head, but an increase in the number of persons convicted of dacoity and robbery.

The total number of cases under this class was 4,396 in the past, as compared with 4,363 in the previous year. The following are the chief districts showing an increase in crime under this class:— **Class IX.**

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Bogra	60	92	13	9
Rungpore	115	177	30	21
Julpigoree	27	88	12	17
24-Pergunnahs	371	570	122	223
Lohardugga	13	30	8	27

In the following districts a marked decrease occurred under this class:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Dinagepore	108	78	18	16
Furreedpore	171	127	21	18
Howrah	133	82	16	16
Jessore	208	133	62	35
Midnapore	181	149	34	17

The Magistrate of Bogra explains that the increase is due to a rise in prosecutions for adultery and enticing away married women,—a very frequent offence in his district. The Magistrate of Furreedpore explains that the falling off occurred in cases relating to marriage. He notices that convictions in these cases are always very uncertain. The Magistrate of Jessore says much the same. As a matter of fact, there has been an increase in offences relating to marriage, the total number reported having been 3,715 in the past, as compared with 3,403 in the previous year. At the same time the number of convictions has decreased from 296 to 261.

The number of offences against special laws was 46,068 in the past, as compared with 46,696 in the previous year. The chief decrease was in Calcutta, where the number of cases fell from 13,496 to 8,864. In the interior the number rose from 33,200 to 37,204. The increase was most marked in Backergunge, Bhaugulpore, Moorshedabad, and Jessore. There was a decrease in Howrah, Mymensingh, and Sarun. **Class X.**

The following statement gives details of offences under some of the more important special laws :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Cattle Trespass Act . . .	5,657	4,665	1,552	1,434
Arms and Ammunition Act . .	42	550	45	553
Stamp Act	212	412	306	488
Excise, Salt, and Opium Acts .	3,176	3,812	3,513	3,751
District Police Acts . . .	6,778	9,770	7,603	11,128
Town Police Acts . . .	...	4,232	...	6,212
Municipal Acts (Mofussil) . .	8,119	8,209	7,496	8,264

The very large increase in offences against the Arms Act and against the Stamp Act is no doubt due to the operation of the new provisions of the law on these subjects, which has recently been entirely recast. The number of offences against the Calcutta and Suburban Police Acts in 1878 is not entered above, as the returns for that year do not exhibit them separately.

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure. *See Statement 3 and Table F.*

A separate statement is as usual appended to this report, exhibiting separately miscellaneous proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure during the past year. A new table has also been prepared, showing for each district the number of persons concerned in cases decided under the miscellaneous provisions of the Code.

Section 209

One thousand and seventy-one persons, whose complaints were dismissed as frivolous or vexatious, were ordered to pay compensation to the accused in the past, as compared with 978 in the previous year. Such orders were most frequent in Dacca, East Burdwan, and Tipperah.

Chapter XXVIII.

Orders were passed for the forfeiture of bail or recognizances in the case of 1,192 persons in the past, as compared with 1,161 persons in the previous year.

Chapter XXXII.

The number of persons summarily convicted under the provisions of the Code relating to contempt of Court was 290, as compared with 262. The number of cases was greatest in Furreedpore and Noacolly.

Chapter XXXVII.

The following figures indicate a very great increase in the past year in the number of persons against whom proceedings were taken under Chapter XXXVII of the Code to prevent a breach of the peace :—

	1878.	1879.
Total number of cases dealt with	2,432	3,209
Total number of persons concerned	6,083	10,629
Number of persons required to find sureties of the peace	1,781	3,016
Ditto to give recognizance to keep the peace . .	2,630	5,409

In the district of Backergunge the provisions of this chapter of the Code were applied very freely during the past year, no less than 4,183 persons having been called on to find sureties or give recognizance to keep the peace. These proceedings are especially numerous in the sub-division of Ferozepore, the most turbulent portion of the district. The District Magistrate reports that the effect of the action taken has been very apparent in the great decrease in cases of rioting attended with bloodshed. The other districts, where a large number of persons were required to find sureties or give recognizance to keep the peace during the year, were Tipperah (561), Pubna (459), and Midnapore (330).

Chapter XXXVIII.

The following statement shows a decrease during the past year in the number of proceedings taken under Chapter XXXVIII of the Code :—

	1878.	1879.
Total number of cases dealt with	1,123	922
Total number of persons concerned	1,169	972
Number of persons required to give security for good behaviour	778	611
Number of persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour	692	504

The following are the districts in which the largest number of persons were required to give security for good behaviour during the past year :—Sarun (58), Purneah (54), Mozufferpore (45), and Dacca (45).

The total number of cases decided during the past year under Chapter 39 of the Code (abatement of public nuisances) was 808. The following districts returned the largest number of cases:—Tipperah (207), Mozufferpore (94), and 24-Pergunnahs (77). Annual Statement 7 shows that 41 of these cases were tried by jury, and that in every case the verdict had the approval of the Magistrate. **Chapter XXXIX**

The number of cases regarding the possession of land decided by the Magistrates during the past year was 354. Cases of the kind were most frequent in Shahabad (31), East Burdwan (31), and Mymensingh (26). **Chapter XL.**

The total number of persons against whom proceedings were held under Chapter 41 of the Code was 985, against 479 of whom an order for maintenance was made. The districts where the largest number of persons were proceeded against were 24-Pergunnahs (160), East Burdwan (58), Bogra (56), Jessore (50), and Rajshahye (45). **Chapter XLI.**

BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

III.—THE HIGH COURT.

Two cases were pending at the commencement of 1879, and 75 cases were committed during the year, including two cases relating to European British subjects, one of which was committed by the Joint Magistrate of Burdwan, and the other of which was committed by the Deputy Commissioner of Lukhimpore, Assam.

Of the total number of cases, 75 were disposed of on their merits, and as to one case, the Judge made an entry on the charge that it was "clearly unsustainable," leaving one case undisposed of at the close of the year.

In 1879, on the final determination of a case transferred to this Court from the Court of the Chief Magistrate of Calcutta, under the provisions of Section 147 of Act X of 1875, the sentence of the Chief Magistrate was quashed.

This case and the Sessions cases occupied the time of one Judge for 35 days.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

The following statement shows the number of cases committed to the Courts of Session in the interior, decided, and pending in each of these Courts during each of the past two years:— **Number of commitments.** *See Table E.*

	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1878	1,728	1,658	205
1879	1,785	1,720	242

The number of commitments increased largely in the past year in the following districts:—

	1878.	1879.
24-Pergunnahs	84	104
Dacca	82	102
Nuddea	65	79
Mymensingh	47	70
Furreedpore	57	69
Jessore	54	67
Rajshahye and Maldah	55	75
West Burdwan	17	35

There was, on the other hand, a considerable decrease in the following districts:—

	1878.	1879.
Backergunge	140	121
Midnapore	72	59
Mozufferpore and Durbhunga	71	57
Sarun and Chumparun	81	66
Tipperah	49	29
Noacolly	48	29

Number of persons under trial and results of trial.
See Table G.

The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Session was 3,781 in the past, as compared with 3,543 in the previous year. The following statement shows the result of trial as regards those persons whose cases were decided in each of these years. As regards those persons whose cases were referred to the High Court under Sections 263 and 287 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the results shown are the final result in the High Court:—

	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Percentage convicted.
1878	1,186	1,914	61·7
1879	1,174	2,084	63·8

Omitting cases referred to the High Court, it is shown in Table G that the 63·4 per cent. of the persons whose cases were decided in the Courts of Session in the past year were convicted. The results in different districts vary very greatly. The following are the districts in which they were more than ordinarily favourable, or more than ordinarily unfavourable:—

	Percentage.		Percentage.
Julpigoree	100	West Burdwan	38 8
Chumparun	83·3	Nuddea	49·2
Lohardugga	79·5	Dacca	49 7
Patna	78·4	Rungpore	50·5
Mozufferpore	78·1	Beerbhoom	51·2
Mymensingh	77·9	Noacolly	52
Shahabad	72·9	Howrah	55 8
Durbhunga	70·8	Jessore	56 1

During the current year the Court has, at the instance of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, carefully considered the results of trials in the Courts of Session, and made suggestions with a view to obtaining better results in future.

Number of witnesses examined
See Table J.

The total number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Session was 13,256 during the past, as compared with 13,119 in the previous year. Including witnesses who were not examined, the total number discharged was 19,126. The number of days the witnesses were detained is shown in the margin.

On the 1st day	9,193
„ 2nd „	4,229
„ 3rd „	2,465
after the 3rd „	3,239

The returns of certain districts have again been submitted in an incomplete state, owing to the registers of the attendance of witnesses not having been properly maintained. It appears from the figures given that a large proportion of the witnesses discharged have been subjected to prolonged detention in Chittagong, Pooree, Dinagepore, Gya, Rajshahye, and Pubna. It is no doubt difficult to fix dates for Sessions trials, so as on the one hand to avoid detaining witnesses and parties unnecessarily, and on the other to avoid the risk of leaving the Sessions Court without continuous work, but much good might be effected if District Magistrates in fixing the dates would act in consultation on the one hand with the committing officer, who can always give an estimate of the time the case is likely to occupy, and on the other with the Sessions Judge, who can give information as to the state of his file.

Diet money.

The amount paid as diet money to witnesses in the Courts of Session was Rs. 13,796 in the past, as compared with Rs. 13,776 in the previous year. The amount expended in Dacca (Rs. 1,165) was exceptionally large. The Sessions Judge explains that this was due to a considerable number of witnesses having been summoned from other districts. He, however, brings to notice the fact that the Magistrates in that district do not enforce the provisions of Section 359 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. There is reason to believe that similar laxity prevails in other districts also. The Court trust that in future Magistrates will exercise a proper discretion in enforcing the law with a view to saving the Government from needless expenditure.

Jury trials.

It was explained in last report in what districts and in what cases trials are held by jury. From Annual Statement 7 it will be observed that the number of jury trials held was 453 in the past, as compared with 399 in the previous year. From the figures given above it will be observed that the results of trial were unfavourable in Dacca, Nuddea, and Howrah,—all jury districts. On the other hand, they were exceptionally favourable in Patna,

which is also a jury district. The Judge of Nuddea, who was, however, in charge for a portion of the year only, reports that he had every reason to be satisfied with the working of the jury system, so far as it came under his observation, during the three Sessions at which he presided. In 39 cases heard by him there were 26 convictions and 12 acquittals, and in the remaining case one person was convicted and one acquitted. The Judge of Dacca reports that on the whole the jury system works well, but that several cases have occurred in which he and his predecessor were quite unable to accept the jury's verdict. The chief defect he considers to be a tendency on the part of the jury to consider themselves the sole arbiters of both law and fact of the case.

Trials with assessors.

The number of trials held with the aid of assessors was 1,139 in the past, as compared with 1,165 in the previous year. In 881 cases in the past year the Judge approved of the opinion of the assessors. In 112 cases he differed from the opinion of one, and in 146 cases from the opinion of both of them.

MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

V—PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES.

Number of cases brought to trial, disposed of, and pending

See Table E

The statement in the margin exhibits the number of cases brought to trial, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of the Presidency Magistrates during the past year. The figures given do not include cases instituted under Section 317 of the Calcutta Municipal Act before Justices of the Peace, from whom no returns are received by the Court.

	1879
Brought to trial	17,819
Disposed of	17,757
Pending	37

The figures in the margin show a decrease in the past year in the number of cases decided by Presidency Magistrates sitting singly, and an increase in the number decided by Benches of Magistrates.

	Number of cases decided.	
	1878.	1879
By Presidency Magistrates sitting singly	23,370	17,309
By Benches of Magistrates	180	418

Results of trial

See Table H.

The total number of persons under trial before the Presidency Magistrates was 25,548 in the past, as compared with 28,889 in the previous year. Of the total number of persons dealt with last year, 1,694 were acquitted, 23,715 were convicted, and 85 were committed to the Sessions.

The results of trial before each class of tribunal in the past year were as follows:—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Stipendiary Magistrates	1,517	23,250	93·8
Benches of Magistrates	177	465	72·4
TOTAL	1,694	23,715	93·4

VI—COURTS IN THE INTERIOR

Number of cases brought to trial, disposed of, and pending, 1878 and 1879

See Table E.

The number of cases brought to trial, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Magistrates in the interior during each of the past two years, was as follows:—

	Brought to trial.	Disposed of	Pending.
1878	107,971	106,200	2,721
1879	109,111	109,130	2,619

The following are the districts in which the chief increase or decrease is apparent in the number of cases brought to trial:—

	1878.	1879.		1878.	1879.
Backergunge	3,706	4,588	East Burdwan	5,777	5,093
Bhaugulpore	2,113	3,220	Dacca	5,873	5,243
West Burdwan	646	867	Furreedpore	3,237	2,688
Darjeeling	902	1,872	Bogra	1,364	985
Hooghly	2,839	3,635	Rungpore	2,523	1,951
24-Pergunnahs	8,137	9,258	Sarun	2,112	1,630

In most districts the amount of work done kept pace fairly with the amount of business coming before the Courts, but there was a slight accumulation of arrears in Dacca, Furreedpore, Hooghly, and Tipperah.

Distribution of business.

The following statement shows the number of cases tried regularly and tried summarily by the Courts of the several grades in each of the past two years :—

	Tried regularly.		Tried summarily.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Special Magistrates	253	182	...	
Honorary ditto	2,622	1,908	385	793
Stipendiary ditto	70,692	70,752	13,655	16,958
Benches of ditto	3,636	5,163	10,481	10,767
District ditto	1,621	1,460	1,082	932
TOTAL	78,824	79,465	25,603	29,450

References under Sec. 46, C. P. C.

Besides the above, in the past year District and Divisional Magistrates disposed of 210 cases referred to them for sentence by Subordinate Magistrates under Section 46 of the Code. It was explained last year that as these references often involve the re-hearing of the entire case, it has been thought proper that in the returns credit should be taken for them both by the Magistrate who made, and by the Magistrate who received, the reference.

Cases dealt with under Sec. 36, C. P. C.

Besides the cases shown above to have been disposed of by District Magistrates, five cases were decided by Deputy Commissioners by virtue of the powers vested in them by Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code. The districts in which these cases were decided are indicated in the margin. In four cases the sentence passed was referred for confirmation to the Sessions Judge, who in each case upheld the conviction.

	No. of cases.
Lohardugga	3
Manbhoom	2

The Judicial Commissioner of Chota Nagpore draws attention to the waste of the time of the Sessions Court, and the inconvenience and expense caused to parties and the public by the failure of the Deputy Commissioners in that province to exercise freely the special powers vested in them by the law. The Court trust that the remarks on the subject, which have been communicated to these officers by the Judicial Commissioner, will have the effect of making them exercise their powers more freely in the future.

Number of persons under trial.

See Table H.

The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of the Magistrates in the interior was 171,746 in the past, as compared with 164,089 in the previous year. In the margin details are given showing the manner in which the persons brought to trial during 1879 appeared before the Court.

Under arrest by Police	77,333
Upon warrant	10,614
On summons	74,747
Voluntarily	3,797

Results of trial.

Omitting persons entered as "committed or referred," and persons who died, escaped, or were transferred, the total number of persons whose cases were decided in the past year was 163,159. Of these, 103,984, or 63·7 per cent., were convicted, and 59,175 were acquitted or discharged. The following are the districts where the results of trial were exceptionally favourable or exceptionally unfavourable :—

	Percentage convicted.		Percentage convicted.
Howrah	74·5	Mozufferpore	51·9
Darjeeling	74·2	Bogra	52·1
Backergunge	71·1	Pubna	53·6
Patna	70·8	Pooree	55·4
Bhaugulpore	70·6	Shahabad	55·6
24-Pergunnahs	69·1	Sarun	56·3

The proportion of convictions is, as usual, greatest in those districts where a large number of municipal cases occur. The following statement shows the result of trials before the Magistrates of each class :—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Special Magistrates	172	255	59·7
Honorary ditto	895	2,811	75·8
Stipendiary ditto	50,682	84,288	62·5
Benches of ditto	6,239	13,858	68·9
District ditto	1,141	2,506	68·7

The mode of trial, and the sentence passed in the case of persons convicted, is shown in the following table:—

	On regular trial.	On summary trial.
Appealable sentence passed	42,879	3,250
Non-appealable ditto	32,990	24,865
TOTAL	75,869	28,115

From this it appears that of those persons who were convicted on summary trial, 11·6 per cent. only had the right of appeal; while of those tried regularly, 56·5 per cent. had this right.

The Courts by which the 28,115 persons who were convicted summarily were tried were as follows:—

Honorary Magistrates	1,072
Stipendiary ditto	17,146
Benches of ditto	8,869
District ditto	1,028

It will be observed that somewhat less than one-third of the convictions were had before Benches of Magistrates.

Details of persons awaiting trial. *See Table I.*

Excluding criminal lunatics, the total number of persons entered as awaiting trial before the Magistrate at the close of the year was 4,569. In the margin details are given showing in what manner these persons were kept in attendance. Excluding persons whose trial had been stayed on the ground that they were lunatics, 7 persons only had been under trial more than six months at the end of 1879. The cases of 38 had been pending more than three months, and the cases of 551 more than one month at the same period. These results are much more favourable than those reported in the previous year.

In custody	682
On bail	3,099
On recognizances	688
Otherwise	100

Number of witnesses examined. *See Table J.*

The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Magistrates was 388,759 in the past, as compared with 389,365 in the previous year. The amount of work of this description devolving on the Courts in the 24-Pergunnahs, Dacca, and Backergunge, continues to be greatly in excess of that in other districts.

Diet money

The amount paid as expenses to witnesses in Magistrates' Courts continues to be insignificant. The amount was Rs. 11,474 in the past, as compared with Rs. 10,887 in the previous year. The details given in Table J show that hardly any effect is given to the rules in several districts, among which Mymensingh, Sarun, Chumparun, and Darjeeling, are conspicuous.

Detention of witness. *See Table K.*

The detention of witnesses in the Magistrates' Courts is shown in the margin. In some districts the returns are incomplete, owing to the registers not having been properly maintained. The figures given are less favourable than those given in last report. The detention of witnesses was most prolonged in Backergunge, Dacca, Moorshedabad, Purneah, and Durbhungah.

	Number of witnesses discharged.
On the 1st day	358,980
„ 2nd „	42,474
„ 3rd „	9,075
„ 4th „	2,411

VII.—PUNISHMENTS.

High Court *See Statement 5.*

Of the persons convicted in the past year by the High Court on its Original Side, 2 were sentenced to death, 16 to transportation for a term, and 62 to rigorous imprisonment.

On the Appellate Side of the Court, in cases referred to it under Section 263 of the Criminal Procedure Code (that is, in cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the decision of the Jury), 2 persons were sentenced to death, 2 to transportation for life, and 12 to rigorous imprisonment. In cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 287 for confirmation of sentence of death, the sentence was ordered to be carried out in the case of 48 persons, and in the case of 10 persons the sentence was commuted to one of transportation for life.

Courts of Session

The sentences passed by Courts of Session during the past two years were as follows :—

		1878.	1879.
Death		67	63
Transportation	for life	176	184
	for a term	90	109
Imprisonment	rigorous	1,522	1,685
	simple	9	7
Fine		149	179
Whipping		18	22

There is little variation between the results of the two years. In the case of 13 persons fine, and in the case of 6 persons whipping, was the sole punishment awarded in the past year. In the case of the remaining persons who were sentenced to be fined or whipped, imprisonment was inflicted as an additional punishment.

The periods for which imprisonment was awarded were as follows :—

	1878.	1879.
Not exceeding 15 days	8	6
" " 6 months	172	157
" " 2 years	414	399
" " 7 "	865	1,008
Above 7 "	72	116

In addition to the persons shown above, 6 persons were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment not exceeding 7 years, by Sessions Judges, in cases referred to them by Deputy Commissioners under Section 36 of the Code.

The fines imposed by Sessions Judges amounted to Rs. 33,094 in the past, as compared with Rs. 17,725 in the previous year. The amount of old and new fines realized during the year was Rs. 14,808.

Presidency Magistrates.

The following statement shows the punishments imposed by Presidency Magistrates during each of the past two years :—

		1878.	1879.
Imprisonment	Rigorous	2,084	2,107
	Simple	259	312
Fine		21,541	18,320
Whipping		337	183

The following are the details of the sentences of imprisonment passed :—

	1878.	1879.
Not exceeding 15 days	850	810
" " 6 months	1,274	1,379
" " 2 years	219	230

The total amount of fines imposed during the year was Rs. 68,189, as compared with Rs. 67,889 in the previous year. The amount realized was Rs. 59,484, as compared with Rs. 59,092

The details of the sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years were as follows :—

	1878.	1879.
10 stripes and under	229	113
20 " "	102	65
30 " "	6	5

Magistrates' Courts in the interior.

The following statement shows the sentences imposed in the Courts of the Magistrates in the interior during the past two years :—

		1878.	1879.
Fine	with imprisonment	5,206	5,168
	without "	63,543	66,091
Whipping	sole punishment	3,586	3,175
	additional ditto	333	269
Imprisonment	Rigorous	27,474	25,572
	simple	981	986

It will be observed that there is an increase under the head of fine only. Sentences of whipping and of imprisonment have decreased.

The following are the details of the periods for which imprisonment was ordered in the sentences passed in 1878 and 1879 respectively :— **Imprisonment.**

	1878.	1879.
Not exceeding 15 days	5,619	5,049
„ „ 6 months	17,592	16,582
„ „ 2 years	5,167	4,869
„ „ 7 „	75	58

The following statement shows in detail the sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years :— **Whipping.**

	1878.	1879.
10 stripes and under	1,422	1,231
20 „ „	1,710	1,561
30 „ „	782	752

The total amount of fines imposed and realized, and the amount paid by way of compensation during each of the past two years, was as follows :— **Fines.**

	Imposed. Rs	Realized. Rs.	Paid as compensation. Rs
1878	6,88,827	6,76,610	46,774
1879	6,74,176	5,86,044	46,586

There was a remarkable increase in the amount of fines imposed in the past year in Hooghly, Howrah, Nuddea, and Tipperah, and a remarkable decrease in Gya, Rungpore, Mozufferpore, and Durbhungah.

The amount paid by way of compensation in the different districts bore no apparent relation to the amount of fines, or to the frequency of crime. As noticed in last report, the results vary much in the same districts from year to year. In most districts the payments made are quite insignificant.

The number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a reformatory school during the past year was 21. In 1 of these cases the order was passed by the High Court, in 1 by a Sessions Judge, in 8 by Presidency Magistrates, and in 11 by Magistrates in the interior. **Reformatory Schools Act**

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VIII.—THE HIGH COURT.

The number of appeals from the decisions of the Criminal Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal filed, decided, and pending in the High Court in each of the past three years, was as follows :—

	1877.	1878	1879.
Filed	616	647	732
Disposed of	642	653	677
Pending	40	34	89

Compared with 1877, the increase in the number of appeals during the past two years has been considerable. In 1876, however, the number was 682, or only 50 less than in 1879.

Of the 732 appeals shown above as filed in the past year, 3 were appeals by the local Government against judgments of acquittal. Details of the rest are given in the following statement, showing the classes of Courts against whose decisions appeals were filed by persons convicted :— **Appeals from judgments of acquittal**

Appeals by persons convicted.

	Appeals from the decisions of			
	Sessions Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Presidency Magistrates.	TOTAL.
Filed	716	4	9	729
Disposed of	661	4	8	673
Pending	87	1	1	89

The following statement shows the result as affecting cases of the appeals decided during each of the past three years :— **Result of appeals as affecting cases.**

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Affirmed	522	546	*554
Reversed	60	46	38
Varied	55	55	79
Remanded	4	3	6

From the above it appears that the decisions of the Lower Courts were affirmed in 81·8 per cent. of the cases decided in 1879, as compared with 84 per cent. in 1878 and 81·4 per cent. in 1877.

In the following statement details are given for each class of Court as regards the appeals decided in 1879:—

	Appeals from the decisions of		
	Sessions Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Presidency Magistrates.
Affirmed	547	2	5
Reversed	36	2	...
Varied	76	...	3
Remanded	6	...	...

Result of appeals as affecting persons.
See Statement 6

In the following statement the result of appeals during the past two years as affecting persons is exhibited:—

	1878.	1879.
Appeals rejected	624	644
Sentence confirmed	318	268
Do. enhanced	1	2
Do. reduced or altered	85	125
Do. annulled or proceedings quashed	90	72
New trial or further enquiry ordered	6	19

The appeals of 56·9 per cent. of the appellants were summarily rejected in the past year, as compared with 55·5 per cent. in 1878. The result of admitted appeals was as follows:—

	Percentage.	
	1878.	1879.
Order of the Lower Court affirmed	63·6	55·1
Do. Do. modified	17·2	26·2
Do. Do. set aside	18·0	14·8
New trial ordered	1·2	3·9

Result of appeals under Section 272, C. P. C.

The above percentages are calculated with reference to all appeals. Taken separately, the result of appeals against judgments of acquittals was that the order of the Lower Court was upheld in respect to 4 persons, modified in respect to 1, and reversed in respect to 6.

IX—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT

Number of appeals filed, disposed of, and pending.
See Table M.

The number of appeals preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges during the past two years, was as follows:—

	Preferred		Disposed of.		Pending	
	1878	1879	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Sessions Judges	2,956	2,883	2,985	2,844	120	155
District Magistrates	1,907	1,926	1,874	1,958	107	71
TOTAL	4,863	4,809	4,859	4,802	227	226

The total number of appeals was slightly less in the past than in the previous year. The following are the districts where a marked increase or decrease occurred:—

	1878.	1879.		1878	1879.
Backergunge	285	392	24-Pergunnahs	240	139
East Burdwan	127	182	Mymensingh	229	171
Tipperah	79	164	Midnapore	144	115
Gya	86	114	Pubna	143	107
Hooghly	55	99	Monghyr	140	109
Chittagong	75	96	Balasore	129	106
Pooree	48	81	Cuttack	90	54
Manbhoom	53	77	Mozufferpore	77	43
Lohardugga	38	74	Bogra	93	39
Bhaugulpore	25	62	Julpigoree	31	15

The number of persons who appealed to the Appellate Courts in the interior was 8,167 in the past, as compared with 8,477 in the previous year.

Number of appellants. *See Table O.*

The ratio of persons appealing to persons having that right of appeal was 17·7 per cent. in the past, as compared with 18 per cent. in the previous year. The ratio was highest in Rajshahye (41·7 per cent.), Tipperah (37 per cent.), and Furreedpore (34·7 per cent.); and lowest in Darjeeling (1·8 per cent.), Julpigoree (3·8 per cent.), and Howrah (4·1 per cent.).

Ratio of appellants to persons having an appeal.

In the case of 5,002 persons, or 61·5 per cent. of the whole number whose appeals were decided in the past year, the decision of the Lower Court was affirmed. The proportion of appellants who were thus unsuccessful was greatest in Singbhoom (75 per cent.), Cuttack (73 per cent.), Purneah (74 per cent.), Noakhally (72·6 per cent.), Hazaribagh (72·4 per cent.); and least in East Burdwan (41·1 per cent.), Mozufferpore (43·9 per cent.), and West Burdwan (43·8 per cent.).

Appellants who were unsuccessful

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE, AND REVISION.

X.—THE HIGH COURT.

The following table shows the number of cases arising in the Lower Provinces of Bengal dealt with by the High Court as a Court of reference during the past year :—

	Pending from 1878.	Filed in 1879.	Disposed of in 1879.	Pending in 1879.
References under Section 263, Act X of 1872	2	18	15	5
Do. Do. 287, Do.	6	56	56	6
Do. Do. 186, Do.	...	1	1	...
Do. Do. 240, Act IV of 1877	...	2	2	...
TOTAL	8	77	74	11

Besides the above, one reference from the Chief Commissioner, Port Blair, was received, and disposed of during the year.

Result of references under Sec. 263, C. P. C.

The following statement shows the districts from which the references under Section 263, Criminal Procedure Code, disposed of last year, were received, and the results of the references :—

	Number of persons in respect to whom the finding of the Jury was	
	Reversed or modified.	Confirmed.
Burdwan	...	1
Dacca	3	2
Hooghly	1	...
Nuddea	1	...
Patna	3	1
24-Pergunnahs	2	1
TOTAL	10	5

It thus appears that, in the case of 66 per cent. of the persons dealt with the reference made by the Sessions Judge was justified by the result.

References under Sec. 287, C. P. C.

In 43 out of the 56 references under Section 287, Criminal Procedure Code, disposed of during the past year, the sentence of death was confirmed, in 4 cases the order of the Lower Court was reversed, in 8 varied, and in 1 case a re-trial was ordered.

As affecting persons, the result of references under this section of the Code during each of the past two years was as follows :—

	Number of persons		
	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Re-trial ordered.
1878	15	59	...
1879	4	58	1

In the case of 48 persons the sentence of death was confirmed in the past, as compared with 49 in the previous year. In the case of 10 persons it was

commuted to a sentence of transportation, the corresponding number in the previous year having been 11.

Districts from which references were received.

The following are the Sessions divisions from which the largest number of references under Section 287, Criminal Procedure Code, were received during the past year—*viz.*, 24-Pergunnahs (9), Backergunge (6), and Rajshahye (5). The number of persons in respect to whom sentence of death was confirmed by the High Court in each of these districts was as follows:—24-Pergunnahs 8, Backergunge 8, and Rajshahye 3; while 4 persons in the district last named and 2 in the 24-Pergunnahs were sentenced to transportation for life.

The following statement shows the number of cases arising in the Lower Provinces of Bengal dealt with by the High Court under its powers of revision during the past year:—

	Remaining in 1878.	Filed in 1879.	Disposed of in 1879.	Pending in 1879.
Cases referred under Section 296	17	169	169	17
Cases dealt with under Section 294	6	268	267	7
TOTAL	23	437	436	24

Of the cases brought on the file under Section 294, 226 were cases decided by Magistrates, and 42 cases decided by Sessions Judges.

Result of revision as affecting cases.

The following statement shows the result, as affecting cases, of the proceedings on revision:—

Courts whose orders were the subject of revision.	Affirmed	Reversed.	Varied.	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
Courts of Session	36	6	3	2	...	47
District Magistrates	20	22	1	2	...	45
Other Magistrates	187	102	25	29	1	344
TOTAL	243	130	29	33	1	436

In 55·7 per cent. of the cases disposed of, the order of the Lower Court was upheld, while it was reversed in 29·8 per cent. only.

Result of revision as affecting persons.

The following statement shows more in detail the result of proceedings on revision as affecting persons during each of the past two years:—

	1878.	1879.
Application rejected	280	324
Order confirmed	219	153
Sentence enhanced	...	5
Do. reduced or altered	31	41
Reversed or quashed	194	316
New trial or further enquiry ordered	57	57

In the case of 12 persons the orders of Courts of Session were set aside during the past year. Of these, 2 were from Burdwan, 3 from Dacca, 6 from Midnapore, and 1 from Noakhally. As regards the orders of Magistrates, these were set aside in the districts entered in the margin in respect to the number of persons noted against each. The result of the revision of such orders appears to be least favourable in regard to the districts in the Patna Division.

Sarun	46	Gya	17
Rungpore	26	Midnapore	17
Patna	19	Mozufferpore	15
Jessore	13.		

XI.—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

Application for revision. *See Table N.*

The following statement shows the number of applications for revision preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges during each of the past two years:—

	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Courts of Session	685	612	692	590	48	69
District Magistrates	781	659	751	672	42	29
TOTAL	1,466	1,271	1,443	1,262	90	98

The following are the districts in which the chief increase or decrease occurred:—

	1878.	1879.		1878.	1879.
24-Pergunnahs . .	61	85	Mymensingh . .	152	112
Dacca . . .	40	67	Backergunge . .	205	101
Moorshedabad . .	32	51	East Burdwan . .	65	54
Sarun . . .	32	45	Mozufferpore . .	84	39
Howrah . . .	16	40	Jessore . . .	66	30
Pubna . . .	24	40	Noacolly . . .	56	24

Number of applicants for revision

See Table O.

The number of persons who applied for revision to the Courts in the interior was 1,742 in the past, as compared with 1,966 in the previous year.

Ratio of applicants to persons in respect to whom orders were passed

The ratio of applicants for revision to persons in respect to whom orders were passed was 1·1 per cent. in 1879, as compared with 2 per cent. in 1878.

The ratio was highest in Sarun (3·6 per cent.), Mozufferpore (2·9 per cent.), and Mymensing (2·7 per cent.); and was lowest in Bogra (·07 per cent.), Julpigoree (·06 per cent.), Hazaribagh (·04 per cent.), Bhaugulpore (·1 per cent.), and Darjeeling (·1 per cent.)

Applicants who were unsuccessful

In the case of 1,270 applicants, or 70·3 per cent. of the whole number whose applications were decided, an order was passed rejecting the application, or affirming the decision of the Lower Court. The proportion of applicants who were thus unsuccessful was greatest in Hazaribagh, Balasore, and Dinagepore, where no application was successful, and it was least in Bhaugulpore (23·5 per cent.), Bogra (28·5 per cent.), Darjeeling (33·5 per cent.), and Maldah (42·8 per cent.).

XII.—FINANCIAL.

The High Court.

In the civil report a statement has been given showing the total receipts and charges of the Appellate Branch of the High Court. In the Criminal Department the amount of court-fees realized during the past year was Rs. 2,105. An exact account of the charges in that Department cannot be given. Including the salaries of two Judges and of the officers exclusively employed in that Department and a share of the salary of those a part of whose time is devoted to the criminal business of the Court, the charges amounted to Rs. 1,35,767, as shown below:—

	Rs.
Salary of Judges	1,00,000
Salary of establishment	35,407
Postage	360
	1,35,767

	Rs
Charges	1,35,767
Receipts	2,105
Excess	1,33,662

The net result, as shown in the margin, was then an excess of charge amounting to Rs. 1,33,662.

Presidency Magistrate's Courts

The total receipts of the Presidency Magistrates' Courts during the past year amounted to Rs. 64,182, and the total charges to Rs. 48,232, the net result being a surplus of Rs. 15,950.

Courts in the interior

The following statement shows the receipts of the Criminal Courts in the interior in detail:—

Receipts.

	Stamps.		Cash.	
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Miscellaneous.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Magistrates' Courts . .	1,26,614	1,85,486	6,07,252	74,690
Courts of Session . .	23	2,910	17,382	222
Total .	1,26,637	1,88,396	6,24,634	74,912

Charges.

The following are the details of the charges of the Criminal Courts in the interior :—

	Establishment.			
	Salaries of judicial officers.	Process servers.	Others.	Contingencies and refunds.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.
Magistrates' Courts .	12,04,889	72,774	3,63,510	2,05,901
Courts of Session .	3,14,392	2,128	24,118	15,783
TOTAL .	15,19,281	74,902	3,87,628	2,21,684

There is some difficulty in determining the amount to be charged to the Criminal Department on account of the salaries of judicial officers, because in the Lower Provinces of Bengal all Sessions Judges are also District Judges, and most salaried Magistrates are also vested with powers in the Revenue or Civil Department, or both. The plan prescribed is to charge to the Criminal Department a share of the salary of each officer, bearing to the whole the same proportion as the number of working days he was employed in the Criminal Department bears to the total number of working days he was employed. As most officers transact work in more than one department in the same day, the necessary calculation can only be roughly made on an estimate of the proportion of time devoted to criminal work.

The following is an abstract of the results in all Courts :—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Result + or − .
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
High Court	2,105	1,35,767	− 1,33,662
Presidency Magistrates . . .	64,182	48,232	+ 15,950
Courts of Session	20,537	3,56,421	− 3,35,884
Magistrates' Courts	9,94,042	18,47,074	− 8,53,032
TOTAL .	10,80,866	23,87,494	− 13,06,628

The general result for all Courts is an annual excess of expenditure over receipts amounting to Rs. 13,06,628. The true result is an even greater deficit, for, as remarked last year, the figures given above do not include charges on account of leave or pensionary allowances, or expenditure incurred by other departments on account of the Criminal Courts, such, for instance, as the cost of buildings, printing, stationery, &c. The Court has no information as to the amount of these charges.

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Table A.

Showing the total number of Offences reported, of cases struck off as false, and of true cases in 1878 and 1879.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was rejected.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	2,910	3,328	188	353	217	318	2,505	2,654
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	4,898	4,642	169	107	64	35	4,665	4,498
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	3,294	3,383	46	88	28	47	3,220	3,247
Offences relating to Coin, Stamps, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	425	435	13	6	6	10	406	419
Offences affecting Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	6,787	5,471	40	39	20	27	6,727	5,405
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI ...	68,998	65,598	10,546	9,085	3,855	3,864	54,597	52,644
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII ...	91,440	88,920	8,207	9,013	10,244	9,771	72,989	70,077
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII and XXII	5,831	6,290	1,159	1,610	309	282	4,363	4,396
Total Offences under the Penal Code ...	184,584	178,067	20,368	20,301	14,744	14,554	149,472	143,340
Offences under Special Laws ...	48,563	47,875	1,469	1,282	398	522	46,696	46,068
GRAND TOTAL ...	233,147	225,942	21,837	21,583	15,142	14,876	196,168	189,408

Table A1.

Showing the total number of Cases brought to trial, with the results of trial, in 1878 and 1879.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		NUMBER OF PERSONS				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	2,338	2,371	2,792	2,970	6,485	6,637	69·9	69
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	4,365	4,296	2,424	2,302	5,373	5,210	68·9	69·3
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	2,943	3,036	1,642	1,791	2,148	2,282	56·6	55·9
Offences relating to Coin, Stamps, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	382	398	180	197	365	370	66·9	65·2
Offences affecting Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	6,664	5,345	464	528	8,892	8,441	95	94·1
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI ...	30,281	29,247	20,253	18,737	22,460	21,518	52·5	53·4
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII ...	39,834	37,441	25,325	24,227	32,803	30,591	56·4	55·8
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII and XXII	2,587	2,655	2,572	2,393	977	1,122	27·5	31·9
Total Offences under the Penal Code ...	89,394	84,789	55,652	53,145	79,503	76,171	58·8	58·9
Offences under Special Laws ...	43,095	41,967	8,679	8,908	49,187	53,688	85	85·7
GRAND TOTAL ...	132,489	126,756	64,331	62,053	128,690	129,859	66·6	67·7

Table B.

Giving details of Comparative Table A for each District.

DISTRICTS	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was rejected under Section 147, C P C		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true.		Percentage of cases accepted as true	
	1878	1879	1878.	1879	1878.	1879	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Backergunge ...	8,311	8,811	1,318	1,734	556	723	6,470	6,357	77·5	72·1
Beerbhoom	2,910	3,189	100	357	114	178	2,696	2,654	92·6	83·2
Bhaugulpore	4,103	4,864	1,334	467	561	649	2,208	3,748	53·8	77
Monghyr ...	5,180	4,952	246	63	174	220	4,760	4,669	91·8	94·2
Burdwan, East	8,344	7,630	817	1,284	655	730	6,872	5,616	82 3	73·6
Burdwan, West	1,011	1,453	...	45	29	57	1,012	1,351	97·2	92 9
Chittagong	4,850	3,745	2,386	569	207	154	2,257	3,022	46·5	80 6
Cuttack	4,757	5,720	924	1,180	320	283	3,513	4,257	73·8	74 4
Pooree	4,686	4,344	2,021	741	393	230	2,272	3,373	48·4	77·6
Balasore...	3,529	3,127	270	471	390	206	2,869	2,450	81·2	78 3
Dacca	10,389	10,272	116	1,063	71	376	10,202	8,833	98·2	85 9
Dinagepore	2,859	2,817	99	178	74	304	2,686	2,335	93 9	82·8
Darjeeling	1,309	2,363	22	99	42	71	1,245	2,193	95·1	92·8
Furreedpore	7,236	6,274	126	544	258	289	6,852	5,441	94·6	86 7
Gya	6,282	5,715	90	225	537	761	5,655	4,729	90	82·7
Hooghly...	4,790	5,875	32	301	144	309	4,614	5,265	96 3	89·6
Howrah	7,301	6,396	241	356	313	272	6,747	5,768	92 4	90 1
Jessore	7,724	8,021	281	506	429	305	7,014	7,210	90·8	89·8
Midnapore	8,052	8,351	687	1,114	607	752	6,758	6,485	83 9	77 6
Moorshedabad ...	5,989	6,337	442	343	438	356	5,109	5,638	85 3	88·9
Mymensingh	9,738	9,391	998	2,242	1,157	460	7,583	6,689	77 8	71·2
Noakhally	4,234	4,319	76	502	126	190	4,032	3,627	95 2	83·9
Nuddea	8,022	8,043	587	1,038	496	337	6,939	6,668	86 4	82·9
Patna	5,901	6,734	80	55	402	485	5,419	6,194	91·8	91·9
Pubna	3,129	3,604	357	587	119	456	2,653	2,561	84·7	71
Bogra	2,238	1,987	191	38	19	199	2,028	1,742	90·6	87·6
Purneah	4,595	5,070	621	787	470	320	3,504	3,963	76 2	78·1
Rajshahye	3,816	2,929	318	218	375	215	3,123	2,496	81·8	85·2
Maldah ...	1,940	2,197	777	251	43	452	1,120	1,494	57·7	68
Rungpore	4,581	4,523	933	636	1,125	859	2,523	3,028	55	66 9
Julpigoree .	1,667	2,095	304	208	124	183	1,239	1,704	74·3	81·3
Sarun	4,257	3,369	300	315	301	219	3,656	2,835	85·8	84·1
Chumparun	2,704	2,589	25	113	72	401	2,607	2,075	96 4	80 1
Shahabad ..	6,122	4,755	144	315	694	302	5,284	4,138	86 3	87
Tipperah	5,750	7,476	535	613	117	309	5,098	6,554	88 6	87·6
Mozufferpore	3,348	3,143	188	259	255	300	2,905	2,584	86·7	82 2
Durbhunga ...	3,152	3,040	270	189	292	195	2,890	2,589	83·7	85·1
24-Pergunnahs . ..	16,872	15,999	3,156	995	2,112	1,074	11,604	13,930	68 7	87
Hazareebagh	2,533	1,883	255	67	227	101	2,051	1,715	80·9	91
Lohardugga	1,840	1,858	89	153	99	89	1,652	1,616	89 7	86 9
Manbhoom	2,676	2,449	79	356	158	425	2,439	1,668	91 1	68·1
Singbhoom	433	411	2	6	9	13	422	392	97·4	95 3
TOTAL ..	209,523	208,123	21,837	21,583	15,104	14,809	172,582	171,656	82 3	82 4
Calcutta...	23,624	17,819	...	...	38	67	23,586	17,752	99·8	99 6
GRAND TOTAL	233,147	225,942	21,837	21,583	15,142	14,876	196,168	189,408	84 1	83·8

Table B 1.

Giving details of Comparative Table A1 for each District.

DISTRICTS.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of Persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquired or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879	1878.	1879.
Backergunge	3,699	4,582	2,739	3,100	4,489	7,649	62·1	71·1
Beerbhoom	1,548	1,668	979	1,058	1,416	1,618	59·1	60·4
Bhaugulpore	2,182	3,222	1,132	1,260	2,019	3,010	64	70·4
Monghyr	3,193	2,919	1,551	1,416	3,118	2,983	66·5	67·8
Burdwan, East	5,777	5,087	2,855	2,846	4,794	4,131	62·6	59·2
Burdwan, West	646	865	403	564	576	805	58·8	58·8
Chittagong	2,141	2,065	1,560	1,090	1,795	1,900	53·5	63·5
Cuttack	2,247	2,582	1,435	1,406	2,158	2,356	60	62·6
Pooree	2,347	2,155	1,408	1,475	2,305	1,856	62	55·7
Balasore	1,616	1,372	1,059	806	1,345	1,187	55·9	59·5
Dacca	5,838	5,232	2,955	2,451	4,922	4,699	62·4	65·7
Dinagepore	1,708	1,731	900	830	1,433	1,426	61·4	63·2
Darjeeling	902	1,869	317	555	844	1,599	72·6	74·2
Furreedpore	3,237	2,682	1,783	1,703	2,694	2,357	60·1	58
Gya	2,898	2,607	1,711	1,564	2,651	2,145	60·7	57·8
Hooghly	2,771	3,636	1,309	1,557	2,054	3,264	61	67·7
Howrah	5,384	4,838	1,787	1,673	5,136	4,867	74·1	74·4
Jessore	4,265	4,184	3,186	2,347	3,696	3,634	53·7	60·7
Midnapore	3,699	3,800	2,627	2,191	3,549	3,527	57·4	61·6
Moorshedabad	3,217	3,351	1,865	1,950	2,724	3,113	59·3	61·4
Mymensingh	3,313	3,451	1,857	1,757	2,770	3,415	59·8	66
Noakhally	2,209	1,819	1,209	973	2,326	1,952	65	65·7
Nuddea	3,306	3,325	2,389	2,218	2,942	3,281	55·1	59·6
Patna	4,199	4,522	1,574	1,845	3,889	4,482	71·1	70 8
Pubna	1,496	1,729	1,031	1,439	1,296	1,688	55·6	53·9
Bogra	1,364	980	929	759	1,404	843	60·1	52·6
Purneah	1,827	2,062	1,213	1,163	1,834	2,119	60·1	64·5
Rajshahye	1,638	1,469	1,223	1,021	1,472	1,376	54·6	57·4
Maldah	1,120	1,141	644	732	824	1,088	56·1	59·7
Rungpore	2,523	1,951	1,460	1,490	2,064	1,819	58·5	54·9
Julpigoree	810	930	365	583	748	853	67·2	59·4
Sarun	2,112	1,628	1,648	1,125	2,150	1,469	56·6	56·6
Ghumparun	1,528	1,230	744	641	1,531	1,097	67·2	63·1
Shahabad	3,446	2,956	2,723	1,897	2,912	2,383	51·6	55 6
Tipperah	2,422	2,682	1,640	1,898	2,206	2,972	57·3	61
Mozufferpore	1,942	1,469	1,134	1,058	1,804	1,179	61·4	52·7
Durbhunga	1,753	1,568	1,147	956	1,842	1,962	61·6	67·2
24-Pergunnahs	8,384	9,258	3,837	4,266	9,358	9,575	70·9	69·1
Hazareebagh	1,380	1,383	650	703	1,425	1,509	68·6	68·2
Lohardugga	1,358	1,461	651	890	1,526	1,430	70·1	61·6
Manbhoom	1,207	1,264	877	927	1,200	1,313	58·8	56·6
Singbhoom	251	212	120	166	304	231	71·7	58·5
TOTAL ...	108,903	108,937	62,626	60,349	101,545	106,065	61·9	63·7
Calcutta	23,586	17,819	1,705	1,704	27,145	23,794	94·1	93·3
GRAND TOTAL ...	132,489	126,756	64,331	62,053	128,690	129,859	66·6	67·6

Table C.

Showing the number of Offences of each class returned as true in 1878 and 1879.

DISTRICTS	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coin, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII and XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		GRAND TOTAL.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Backergunge	...	.	253	270	345	277	211	193	8	3	13	18	2,471	2,125	1,972	1,562	358	334	5,631	4,782	839	1,575	6,470	6,357
Beerbhoom	..	...	16	15	28	67	26	42	1	5	1	2	1,023	877	1,136	1,060	62	79	2,293	2,147	403	507	2,696	2,654
Bhaugulpore	..	...	13	28	60	132	45	45	9	9	36	55	466	534	628	1,183	27	29	1,284	2,015	924	1,733	2,208	3,748
Monghyr	...	...	34	45	117	68	126	94	11	5	24	42	948	818	1,939	1,935	67	49	3,266	3,106	1,494	1,583	4,760	4,689
Burdwan, East	...	...	44	68	432	239	106	127	6	3	411	40	2,263	1,601	1,793	1,515	135	132	5,190	3,775	1,682	1,841	6,872	5,616
Burdwan, West	.	...	30	36	47	53	37	36	..	3	2	1	222	303	508	763	6	21	852	1,216	160	135	1,012	1,351
Chittagong	...	...	35	42	82	77	104	68	6	2	21	17	500	869	670	954	61	74	1,679	2,103	578	919	2,257	3,022
Cuttack	.	...	16	17	75	57	58	53	23	17	7	19	975	1,351	1,689	1,717	56	72	2,899	3,303	614	954	3,513	4,257
Pooree	...	...	10	24	59	43	56	54	18	19	9	26	321	888	950	1,802	12	57	1,435	2,713	837	660	2,272	3,373
Balasore	...	...	12	13	44	24	53	81	9	15	6	8	1,073	948	1,215	1,009	98	45	2,510	2,143	359	307	2,869	2,450
Dacca	.	..	201	180	232	137	209	159	26	22	134	30	4,841	3,851	2,775	2,766	350	291	8,768	7,436	1,434	1,397	10,202	8,833
Dinagepore	.		10	10	147	44	32	34		4	88	7	590	636	1,316	1,022	108	78	2,291	1,835	395	500	2,686	2,335
Darjeeling			4	6	12	11	10	26	3	2	52	597	122	162	552	647	30	65	785	1,516	460	677	1,245	2,193
Furreedpore			223	211	288	165	111	143	9	14	39	16	3,135	2,026	2,146	2,144	171	127	6,121	4,546	731	595	6,852	5,441
Gya	.	...	125	64	123	202	91	90	11	9	9	15	477	471	3,734	2,886	30	28	4,599	3,764	1,056	964	5,655	4,729
Hooghly			19	24	53	38	105	67	6	3	75	28	1,528	1,448	1,536	1,774	129	133	3,451	3,515	1,163	1,750	4,614	5,265
Howrah	.	...	49	56	47	59	109	99	8	13	60	73	1,375	1,177	1,514	1,295	133	82	3,295	2,854	3,452	2,914	6,747	5,768
Jessore		..	95	97	245	188	114	97	7	19	65	22	2,574	2,631	2,806	2,867	208	133	6,074	5,944	940	1,366	7,014	7,310
Midnapore	.	...	98	83	114	77	73	101	26	40	21	27	2,316	2,198	2,680	2,419	181	149	5,509	5,094	1,249	1,391	6,758	6,485
Moorshedabad	..		33	52	44	110	55	75	7	14	126	86	1,687	1,489	2,260	2,565	79	112	4,296	4,503	813	1,135	5,109	5,638
Mymensingh	..	...	97	162	174	536	71	105	6	4	43	48	3,157	2,647	2,938	2,416	318	213	6,804	6,131	779	558	7,583	6,689
Noakhally	..	.	76	58	170	152	79	98	13	11	13	14	1,692	1,656	1,483	991	125	125	3,651	3,105	381	522	4,032	3,627
Nuddea	.	.	84	95	134	146	93	97	18	15	34	41	2,638	2,136	2,887	3,103	99	66	5,987	5,699	952	969	6,939	6,668
Patna	.	.	49	56	67	79	89	79	16	14	42	20	943	951	2,113	2,347	48	32	3,387	3,578	2,052	2,616	5,419	6,194
Pubna			83	91	113	107	64	93	1	4	9	12	1,118	966	903	879	100	88	2,391	2,240	262	321	2,653	2,561
Bogra	.	..	18	13	47	37	82	55	5	5	16	17	455	472	1,177	941	60	92	1,860	1,632	168	110	2,028	1,742
Purneah	...	...	19	25	121	119	75	75	2	3	55	25	1,025	902	1,586	1,960	75	76	2,958	3,185	546	778	3,504	3,963
Rajshahye	...	.	58	72	89	68	58	79	10	6	19	11	528	354	1,960	1,643	58	25	2,790	2,258	343	238	3,123	2,496
Maldah		...	7	21	47	43	30	39	1	3	12	2	233	234	612	968	23	27	955	1,337	165	157	1,120	1,494
Rungpore	...	...	47	71	57	57	68	55	7	7	8	10	688	792	1,032	1,384	115	177	2,022	2,543	501	485	2,523	3,028
Julpigoree	...	.	8	9	42	37	8	20	1	6	5	8	215	323	848	1,094	27	88	1,154	1,585	85	119	1,239	1,704
Sarun	...	.	38	22	71	46	49	46	4	5		15	677	614	2,127	1,766	24	20	2,990	2,524	666	311	3,656	2,835
Chumparun	...	...	12	17	47	39	51	68	1	1	4	2	287	251	1,805	1,402	14	18	2,221	1,798	386	277	2,607	2,075
Shahabad	...	...	81	41	201	167	69	100	6	9	18	10	1,507	1,319	2,443	1,620	27	47	4,352	3,313	932	825	5,284	4,138
Tipperah	...	...	143	131	105	119	170	97	5	5	11	15	2,359	2,929	1,634	2,366	163	194	4,590	5,856	508	698	5,098	6,554
Mozufferpore	...	...	23	31	126	55	51	44	3	8	2	6	542	567	1,681	1,447	16	15	2,444	2,173	461	411	2,905	2,584
Durbhunga	...	..	43	28	40	70	77	98	4	2	5	10	463	392	1,743	1,466	25	15	2,405	2,081	485	508	2,890	2,589
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	89	102	336	221	122	125	51	39	248	233	3,945	5,496	3,079	3,190	371	570	8,241	9,976	3,363	3,954	11,604	13,930
Hazareebagh	..	...	6	12	2	109	61	40	11	6	3	15	297	300	1,510	1,036	17	18	1,907	1,536	144	179	2,051	1,715
Lohardugga	...	...	11	6	35	61	37	58	1	6		4	214	329	1,061	952	13	30	1,392	1,446	260	170	1,652	1,616
Manbhoom	.	...	20	23	57	90	52	54	9	4	5	10	383	323	1,733	964	26	37	2,285	1,505	154	163	2,439	1,668
Singbhoom	...	...	1	2	4	8	3	8	...	2	4	2	77	82	292	211	17	25	398	340	24	52	422	392
TOTAL ...	...	...	2,337	2,419	4,638	4,484	3,190	3,217	369	386	1,755	1,659	52,340	50,328	70,691	67,671	4,062	4,098	139,382	134,462	33,200	37,204	172,582	171,656
Calcutta	.		168	235	27	14	30	30	37	33	4,972	3,746	2,257	2,316	2,298	2,206	301	308	10,090	8,888	13,496	8,864	23,586	17,752
GRAND TOTAL ...	...		2,505	2,654	4,665	4,498	3,220	3,247	406	419	6,727	5,405	54,597	52,644	72,989	70,077	4,363	4,396	149,472	143,340	46,696	46,068	196,168	189,408

Table D.

Showing in detail for each class the number of persons convicted in 1878 and 1879.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coin, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		GRAND TOTAL.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1879.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Backergunge	...	...	795	630	496	464	116	158	8	12	8	15	881	952	664	784	33	28	3,001	3,093	1,488	4,556	4,489	7,649
Beerbhoom	...	...	79	88	33	70	5	88	...	4	2	7	413	357	510	521	5	14	1,047	1,099	369	519	1,416	1,618
Bhaugulpore	...	...	44	131	114	151	26	23	12	11	294	224	311	367	428	464	13	17	1,242	1,378	777	1,632	2,019	3,010
Monghyr	...	...	102	113	103	61	57	40	6	6	29	66	319	293	1,033	805	6	19	1,655	1,403	1,463	1,580	3,118	2,983
Burdwan, East	...	...	160	217	571	505	83	87	2	3	430	51	1,034	683	798	665	29	50	3,107	2,261	1,687	1,870	4,794	4,131
Burdwan, West	...	...	38	93	41	58	40	26	...	2	3	...	117	196	115	244	1	14	355	633	221	172	576	805
Chittagong	...	...	168	158	112	98	75	47	3	1	20	10	327	363	620	392	11	13	1,336	1,082	459	818	1,795	1,900
Cuttack	...	...	56	44	75	60	31	48	22	11	9	22	470	403	869	752	22	31	1,554	1,371	604	985	2,158	2,356
Pooree	...	...	41	49	162	55	37	45	20	16	13	41	197	269	1,031	809	3	18	1,504	1,302	801	554	2,305	1,856
Balasore	...	...	10	31	53	24	28	37	6	6	1	6	330	347	517	402	29	11	974	864	371	323	1,345	1,187
Dacca	...	...	480	342	199	150	119	101	23	15	119	75	1,732	1,413	1,202	1,386	60	30	3,933	3,512	989	1,187	4,922	4,699
Dinagepore	...	...	30	20	92	33	19	25	...	6	90	4	366	338	460	462	18	16	1,075	904	358	522	1,433	1,426
Darjeeling	...	...	12	10	25	4	6	23	1	1	39	499	76	86	273	352	11	17	443	992	401	607	844	1,599
Furreedpore	...	...	314	314	235	161	83	105	7	11	28	31	791	519	561	720	21	18	2,040	1,879	654	478	2,694	2,357
Gya	...	...	93	66	134	188	41	47	11	7	16	28	345	297	958	618	78	18	1,616	1,269	1,035	876	2,651	2,145
Hooghly	...	...	45	67	32	34	55	35	4	3	70	32	389	629	378	644	23	48	996	1,492	1,058	1,772	2,054	3,264
Howrah	...	...	136	109	57	68	48	49	3	10	66	69	416	553	814	719	16	16	1,556	1,592	3,580	3,275	5,136	4,867
Jessore	...	...	219	189	228	166	70	56	9	11	85	22	1,220	1,094	1,083	1,006	62	35	2,976	2,579	720	1,055	3,696	3,634
Midnapore	...	...	245	157	87	99	48	77	14	27	21	17	552	530	931	975	34	17	1,932	1,889	1,617	1,638	3,549	3,527
Moorshedabad	...	...	107	148	30	130	41	38	7	15	183	139	546	503	934	1,059	26	30	1,873	2,060	851	1,053	2,724	3,113
Mymensingh	...	...	178	355	190	517	53	66	1	3	97	44	1,100	1,143	784	925	14	17	2,417	3,070	353	345	2,770	3,415
Noakhally	...	...	370	294	218	216	84	81	21	12	14	12	543	460	872	571	17	19	2,139	1,665	187	287	2,326	1,952
Nuddea	...	...	318	296	113	138	83	65	15	10	35	108	703	771	1,005	1,126	12	18	2,284	2,532	658	749	2,942	3,281
Patna	...	...	95	113	63	61	73	59	9	17	47	14	497	465	1,047	815	14	10	1,845	1,554	2,044	2,928	3,889	4,482
Pubna	...	...	110	133	143	145	41	37	1	4	9	5	357	333	308	459	7	6	976	1,122	320	566	1,296	1,688
Bogra	...	...	101	67	35	43	74	42	5	8	47	38	263	224	694	320	13	9	1,232	751	172	92	1,404	843
Purneah	...	...	76	124	185	169	90	73	1	3	84	22	399	370	687	786	10	25	1,532	1,572	302	547	1,834	2,119
Rajshahye	...	...	95	96	88	33	57	54	8	2	18	20	304	281	541	661	12	11	1,123	1,158	349	218	1,472	1,376
Maldah	...	...	16	67	33	52	20	24	1	2	16	2	169	185	410	513	6	8	673	853	151	235	824	1,088
Rungpore	...	...	101	151	75	87	59	50	6	4	11	6	581	406	636	537	30	21	1,499	1,262	565	557	2,064	1,819
Julpigoree	...	...	17	12	39	38	6	12	1	7	4	6	154	135	423	455	12	17	656	682	92	171	748	853
Sarun	...	...	116	72	77	49	31	45	5	1	...	12	424	372	895	627	7	11	1,555	1,189	595	580	2,150	1,469
Champarun	...	...	57	28	57	48	47	51	1	2	4	2	239	172	732	488	8	7	1,145	808	386	289	1,531	1,097
Shahabad	...	...	192	123	218	178	39	81	...	4	24	7	502	418	1,179	739	11	13	2,165	1,563	747	820	2,912	2,383
Tipperah	...	...	363	489	78	142	66	60	4	5	7	23	776	867	589	701	15	20	1,899	2,307	308	665	2,206	2,972
Mozufferpore	...	...	110	76	106	50	52	34	2	6	1	4	274	185	826	490	5	5	1,376	850	428	329	1,804	1,179
Durbhunga	...	...	163	119	49	95	61	89	6	1	2	10	210	150	716	664	33	5	1,240	1,133	602	829	1,842	1,962
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	251	237	557	287	72	85	77	53	312	299	2,010	2,008	1,744	1,717	122	223	5,145	4,909	4,213	4,666	9,358	9,575
Hazareebagh	...	...	26	53	42	87	17	39	8	5	6	12	261	276	858	745	10	7	1,228	1,224	197	285	1,425	1,509
Lohardugga	...	...	35	9	40	78	41	37	1	5	...	1	221	235	929	852	8	27	1,275	1,244	251	186	1,526	1,430
Manbhoom	...	...	63	83	59	96	26	50	5	4	8	9	262	270	512	478	8	7	943	997	257	216	1,200	1,213
Singbhoom	...	...	...	3	4	15	3	7	...	2	4	1	81	63	167	85	16	8	275	184	29	50	304	234
TOTAL ...	...	...	6,027	6,034	5,348	5,193	2,123	2,246	336	338	2,274	2,015	21,162	19,971	30,733	28,532	833	954	68,836	65,253	32,709	40,782	101,545	106,065
Calcutta	...	...	458	603	25	17	25	36	29	32	6,618	6,426	1,298	1,547	2,070	2,059	144	168	10,667	10,888	16,478	12,906	27,145	23,794
GRAND TOTAL ...	...	...	6,485	6,637	5,373	5,210	2,148	2,282	365	370	8,892	8,441	22,460	21,518	32,803	30,591	977	1,122	79,503	76,171	49,187	53,688	128,690	129,859

Table E.

Showing the number of Cases brought to trial during the year, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Session and the Courts of Magistrates in 1878 and 1879.

DISTRICTS	Courts of Session						Courts of Magistrates					
	Brought to trial		Disposed of		Pending		Brought to trial		Disposed of		Pending	
	1878	1879	1878	1879	1878	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878	1879.	1878	1879
Backergunge .	140	121	138	132	25	12	3,706	4,588	3,656	4,648	208	126
Beerbhoom ...	26	31	26	24	...	6	1,540	1,662	1,527	1,700	49	30
Bhaugulpore ..	31	33	25	29	9	13	2,113	3,220	2,122	3,233	49	36
Monghyr	31	40	33	39	2	3	3,193	2,919	3,145	2,873	40	41
Burdwan, East	42	44	43	45	3	..	5,777	5,093	5,771	5,097	68	36
Burdwan, West ..	17	35	12	36	5	4	646	867	633	860	13	19
Chittagong ..	34	30	40	28	4	6	2,141	2,065	2,141	2,072	53	53
Cuttack ..	37	28	34	30	4	2	2,241	2,579	2,189	2,583	52	50
Pooree ...	14	22	11	20	3	5	2,347	2,158	2,240	2,222	107	43
Balasore ...	18	22	21	21	1	2	1,617	1,572	1,648	1,367	20	25
Dacca ...	82	102	85	90	4	16	5,873	5,243	5,943	5,177	88	154
Dinagepore ...	32	28	29	29	3	2	1,708	1,731	1,652	1,725	40	24
Darjeeling ...	7	6	9	5	...	1	902	1,872	905	1,867	4	5
Furreedpore ...	57	69	44	61	15	23	3,237	2,688	3,126	2,614	99	138
Gya ...	71	68	67	64	4	2	2,898	2,615	2,841	2,585	71	86
Hooghly ...	37	43	36	33	2	10	2,839	3,635	2,772	3,597	67	102
Howrah ...	29	34	27	24	2	10	5,384	4,840	5,307	4,844	70	62
Jessore ...	54	67	64	66	9	10	4,265	4,189	4,229	4,229	166	116
Midnapore ...	72	59	80	56	5	8	3,699	3,806	3,694	3,807	166	151
Moorshedabad ...	36	41	36	43	6	4	3,171	3,352	3,075	3,364	1	84
Mymensingh ...	47	70	40	76	16	9	3,054	3,461	2,926	3,456	128	125
Noakhally ...	48	29	47	24	1	5	2,201	1,827	2,117	1,850	84	52
Nuddea ...	65	79	54	84	14	8	3,217	3,325	3,179	3,333	106	97
Patna ...	83	72	75	77	11	4	4,123	4,528	4,123	4,591	64	71
Pubna ...	23	34	21	31	2	4	1,494	1,737	1,407	1,744	82	68
Bograh ...	38	32	35	29	...	2	1,364	985	1,342	981	22	26
Purneah ...	24	23	25	21	1	3	1,827	2,072	1,801	2,050	26	48
Rajshahye ...	36	55	29	60	7	2	1,638	1,472	1,652	1,491	58	39
Maldah ..	19	20	19	22	3	1	1,120	1,141	1,084	1,120	32	50
Rungpore ...	51	57	48	53	7	11	2,523	1,951	2,451	1,935	59	68
Julpigoree ..	9	8	8	9	1	...	809	932	768	936	33	29
Sarun ...	45	34	43	34	5	6	2,112	1,630	2,056	1,624	38	42
Chumparun ..	36	32	37	27	1	6	1,398	1,230	1,363	1,225	35	40
Shahabad ..	43	33	37	27	6	11	3,454	2,963	3,331	3,025	128	65
Tipperah ..	49	29	46	29	3	3	2,295	2,682	2,193	2,666	102	118
Morufferpore ...	46	31	39	31	6	6	1,942	1,474	1,911	1,452	31	45
Durbhunga ...	25	26	23	18	2	4	1,753	1,579	1,685	1,573	66	60
24-Pergunnahs ..	84	104	84	94	1	11	8,137	9,258	8,102	9,274	87	66
Hazareebagh ...	33	28	32	29	2	1	1,380	1,391	1,363	1,391	17	17
Lohardugga ..	30	40	28	39	4	5	1,358	1,487	1,295	1,460	34	61
Manbhoom ...	27	23	25	28	5	...	1,224	1,280	1,191	1,284	48	44
Singbhoom ...		3	3	3	1	1	251	212	244	205	7	7
TOTAL ...	1,728	1,785	1,658	1,720	205	242	107,971	109,111	106,200	109,130	2,721	2,619
Calcutta ...	..	76	.	75	...	1	...	17,817	23,550	17,757		37
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,728	1,861	1,658	1,795	205	243	...	126,928	129,750	126,887	...	2,656

Table F.

Showing the number of persons concerned in cases decided under the Miscellaneous provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code during 1879.

DISTRICTS.	Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XVI, Section 209	Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter XXVI	Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XVIII.	Non attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIX, Section 414	Contempts of Court under Chapter XXXII	Proceedings under Chapter XXVIII to prevent breach of the peace	Proceedings under Chapter XXXVIII, security for good behaviour	Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter XXXIX.	Possession, Chapter XL (Number of cases)	Maintenance, Chapter XLI
Backergunge ..	29	...	221	...	22	1,695	15	..	15	21
Beerbhoom .	16	...	11	..	2	103	4	..	5	13
Bhaugulpore ...	10	2	13		3	42	25	1	8	2
Monghyr .	23		6	.	10	86	21	16	10	6
Burdwan, East ...	73	.	68	.	22	257	8	113	31	58
Burdwan, West ...	5	5	21	1	5	36	18	2	2	7
Chittagong ..	30	...	14	..	6	51	11	1	11	16
Cuttack .	21	...	16	..	2	84	4	23	1	14
Pooree	11	...	14	..	13	16	2	77	8	7
Balasore	32	...	7	...	2	23	1	...	..	2
Dacca ...	91	...	21	2	4	253	63	2	5	16
Dinagepore ...	3	...	13	2	11	4	27	.	.	11
Darjeeling ..	4	..	10	1	.	...	2	...	1	1
Furreedpore ..	31	..	22	.	46	267	51	.	4	26
Gya	15	...	34	..	...	186	51	..	11	8
Hooghly	12	2	19	..	2	89	12	...	..	31
Howrah	10		33	..	...	40	9		2	13
Jessore	62	..	39	..	1	210	23	13	21	50
Midnapore	25	1	51	..	16	355	4		10	32
Moorshedabad ..	10	...	25		2	121	9	...	6	23
Mymensingh ..	21		83	11	1	260	25	.	26	23
Noakhally	58		98	..	37	43	40	...	3	8
Nuddea	13	3	27	12	7	116	39	22	7	21
Patna ...	15	...	1	1		121	31		14	18
Pubna	41	...	155	..	8	711	4	.	7	37
Bogra	23	1	16	..	..	2	11		2	56
Purneah	43	...	51	..	11	22	65	1	5	3
Rajshahye .. .	7	5	16	1	8	17	22	37	2	45
Maldah ...	1	...	11	3	..	92	2	...	.	2
Rungpore	23	.	48	..	4	61	13	24	6	7
Julpigoree	18		11		...	6	2		3	2
Sarun	23		7	1	11	65	59	...	5	5
Chumparun	12	1	4	..	.	31	22			4
Shahabad .	38	...	16	...	14	278	11	28	31	17
Tipperah	76	2	9	..	1	815	14	203	6	31
Mozufferpore ...	25		4	...	3	61	58	206	19	3
Durbhunga	16	5	25	.	7	93	37	5	10	2
24-Pergunnahs .	44	...	47	16	4	244	32	...	21	100
Hazareebagh ...	...	...	..		11					5
Lohardugga . ..		.	..	4		55	8		21	4
Manbhoom	6	.	4	..	1	47	11	.	15	15
Singbhoom	1	1	...	..	..	3			.	1
TOTAL	1,023	30	1,306	58	298	10,061	896*	804	354	766
Calcutta	50		3	.	..	568	11	...		219
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,073	30	1,309	58	298	10,629	907	804	354	985

* Besides these there were 8 cases for the restoration of abducted females under Chapter II, Section 17 of the Presidency Magistrate's Act.

Table G.

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Session in 1879 (as affecting persons).

DISTRICTS	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent of persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted
Backergunge ...	306	86	193	8	3	16	69·1
Beerbhoom ...	52*	20	21			9	51 2
Bhaugulpore ...	75	24	31	3	..	17	56·3
Monghyr ...	72	31	34	3	...	4	52 3
Burdwan, East	69	25	37	3	4	...	59 6
Burdwan, West ...	139	77	49		2	11	38·8
Chittagong ...	52	15	30	1	...	6	66 6
Cuttack ...	38	10	24	2	.	2	70 5
Pooree ...	38	11	17	...	...	10	60 7
Balasore ...	27	8	16	1	...	2	66 6
Dacca ...	198	86	85	7	...	20	49 7
Dinagepore ...	65	21	37		4	3	63 7
Darjeeling ...	7	2	4			1	66 6
Furreedpore ...	199	57	93	2		47	62
Gya ...	96	34	58	.	2	2	63
Hooghly ...	141	22	49	4	15	51	69
Howrah ...	65	19	24	1	...	21	55 8
Jessore ...	175	57	73	3	1	41	56 1
Midnapore ...	112	42	73	4	1	22	63·4
Moorshedabad ...	87	27	51	2	.	7	65 3
Mymensingh ...	207	41	145	3	1	17	77·9
Noakhally ...	60	24	26	...	...	10	52
Nuddea ...	169	78	76	5	2	8	49 2
Patna ...	107	20	73	9	2	3	78·4
Pubna ...	72	22	45	..	...	5	67 1
Bogra ...	47	12	28	1	2	4	70
Purneah ...	37	10	19	..	...	8	65 5
Rajshahye ...	112	36	65	6	1	4	64·3
Maldah ...	40	9	20	1	2	8	68·9
Rungpore ...	115	49	50	.	2	14	50 5
Julpigoree ...	10	.	9	1	...	...	100
Sarun ...	66	17	40	...	...	9	70 1
Chumparun ...	40	5	25	2	...	8	83 3
Shahabad ...	55	10	27	2	1	15	72 9
Tipperah ...	49	13	30	2	...	4	69 7
Mozufferpore ...	72	14	50	.	...	8	78·1
Durbhunga ...	40	7	17	...	10	6	70 8
24-Pergunnahs ...	207	56	117	13	1	20	67 6
Hazareebagh ...	84	31	51	1	...	1	62·1
Lohardugga ...	90	17	66	.	2	5	79 5
Manbhoom ...	52	16	34	2	...		68
Singbhoom ...	7	2	4	...	...	1	66·6
TOTAL	3,781	1,163	2,016	92	58	450	63 4
Calcutta ...	91	10	80	.....	.....	1	88 8
GRAND TOTAL ..	3,872	1,173	2,096	92	58	451	64 1

* The commitment of two of these persons was quashed.

Table H.

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1879 (as affecting persons).

DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. of persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted
Backergunge ...	10,970	3,014	7,148	245	47	216	71·1
Beerbhoom ..	2,731	1,038	1,596	40	4	53	60·5
Bhaugulpore ...	4,326	1,236	2,976	59	...	55	70·6
Monghyr ...	4,510	1,385	2,948	80	5	92	68
Burdwan, East ...	7,087	2,820	4,091	73	42	61	59·1
Burdwan, West ...	1,397	487	756	94	4	56	60·8
Chittagong ...	3,085	1,075	1,869	35	..	106	63·4
Cuttack ...	3,846	1,396	2,330	34	3	83	62·5
Pooree ...	3,407	1,464	1,839	40	1	63	55·6
Balasore ...	2,034	798	1,171	27		38	59·4
Dacca ...	7,404	2,362	4,610	214	5	213	66·1
Dinagepore ...	2,309	809	1,389	61	5	45	63·2
Darjeeling ...	2,171	553	1,595	11	5	7	74·2
Furreedpore ...	4,412	1,646	2,263	193	3	307	57·8
Gya ...	3,875	1,530	2,087	101	7	150	57·7
Hooghly ..	5,056	1,535	3,211	133	4	173	67·6
Howrah ...	6,659	1,654	4,842	61	10	92	74·5
Jessore ...	6,236	2,290	3,559	174	10	203	60·8
Midnapore ...	5,992	2,148	3,451	143	14	236	61·6
Moorshedabad ...	5,237	1,923	3,060	79	8	167	61·4
Mymensingh ...	5,372	1,716	3,268	178	12	198	65·5
Noakhally ...	3,021	949	1,926	71	7	68	66·9
Nuddea ...	5,631	2,139	3,202	141	1	148	59·9
Patna ...	6,193	1,824	4,105	102	7	155	70·8
Pubna ...	3,314	1,417	1,642	74	16	165	53·6
Bogra ...	1,660	717	814	46	2	51	52·1
Purneah ...	3,429	1,153	2,100	50	10	116	64·5
Rajshahye ...	2,179	985	1,305	101	11	77	56·9
Maldah ...	1,905	723	1,067	31	3	81	59·6
Rungpore ...	3,121	1,141	1,769	105	15	91	55·1
Julpigoree ...	1,489	582	844	11	4	48	59·1
Sarun ...	2,666	1,108	1,429	55	1	73	56·3
Chumparun ...	1,821	636	1,07	39	3	72	62·7
Shahabad ...	4,131	1,887	2,354	53	8	126	55·6
Tipperah ...	5,112	1,884	2,941	15	5	237	60·9
Mozufferpore ...	2,344	1,044	1,128	71	12	89	51·9
Durbhunga ...	3,056	949	1,945	49	8	105	67·2
24-Pergunnahs ...	13,967	4,209	9,155	196	5	102	69·1
Hazareebagh ...	2,251	672	1,457	93	.	29	68·4
Lohardugga ...	2,488	873	1,364	141	9	101	60·9
Manbhoom ...	2,245	911	1,177	69	5	83	56·4
Singbhoom .	407	163	230	5	...	9	58·5
TOTAL ...	171,746	59,175	103,984	3,626	321	4,640	63·7
Calcutta	25,548	1,694	23,715	85	8	46	93·3
GRAND TOTAL	197,294	60,869	127,699	3,711	329	4,686	67·7

Table I.

Showing in detail the number of persons who were awaiting Trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1879.

DISTRICTS	Criminal lunatics	Number of persons				Of the persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under trial				
		In custody	On bail	On recognizances	Otherwise	Not exceeding one month	Over one month	Over two months	Over three months	Over six months
Backergunge	6	35	140	35	.	201	6	2	1	
Beerbhoom		9	40	4		53			...	...
Bhaugulpore ...	1	3	34	17		49	5	...		.
Monghyr	..	16	54	22		69	12	11	..	
Burdwan, East	2	15	27	4	13	42	17	...		
Burdwan, West .		4	52	.	..	53	...	3	...	
Chittagong ...		32	54	20		86	20	.		.
Cuttack	3	22	42	16		72	8	...		
Pooree	3	4	33	23		54	6	.		
Balasore		2	29	7	.	38	..	..		.
Dacca	2	28	171	12	...	172	29	7	3	
Dinagepore		9	35		...	40	4		.	
Darjeeling		3	4			7	...	...	...	
Furreedpore		48	221	34	3	189	79	28	11	2
Gya ...		24	86	39	1	133	16	1	..	
Hooghly	..	5	166	2	...	143	23	2	5	..
Howrah	...	14	56	22	...	87	3	2	...	...
Jessore	2	22	158	5	6	160	27	3	1	
Midnapore .	1	13	142	54	26	194	34	5	2	.
Moorshedabad	2	27	123	13	.	151	12	...	..	
Mymensingh .	10	28	137	24	...	157	17	15		..
Noakhally ...		8	38	22	4	66	6		...	
Nuddea .	3	22	104	19		138	6	1	...	
Patna ...	2	33	115	4	1	109	38	1	.	5
Pubna	2	21	118	25		114	50	...	...	...
Bogra	..	8	43			51				
Purneah	..	10	100	3	..	103	8	2	..	
Rajshahye		21	59			71	8	1		
Maldah		13	68		.	80	1		...	
Rungpore	4	10	77			71	14	1	1	..
Julpigoree ...		14	18	15	..	43	5			
Sarun	2	12	46	13	..	62	9	..		
Chumparun .	...	24	32	16	...	70	2	...		
Shahabad		23	61	42		112	7	1	6	...
Tipperah	9	4	152	69	4	188	39	2	...	
Mozufferpore	.	26	41	14	5	84	2		...	..
Durbhunga	..	11	57	19	15	87	11	4	..	
24-Pergunnahs	12	5	63	21		79	7	2	1	.
Hazareebagh	2	11	17	...	14	39	1	1	1	
Lohardugga		25	30	35	7	90	1		6	.
Manbhoom		17	52	14		65	18			.
Singbhoom	1	1	1	4	1	7				.
TOTAL	69	682	3,099	688	100	3,879	551	95	38	7

Table J.

Showing the number of Witnesses examined and the Amount paid as expenses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1878 and 1879.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Witnesses examined.				Amount paid as expenses.			
	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	1,404	1,438	20,880	20,934	454	550	389	455
Beerbhoom	243	262	6,289	7,595	471	611	344	132
Bhaugulpore	186	228	5,821	8,026	477	274	369	403
Monghyr	234	262	7,374	7,058	246	273	208	256
Burdwan, East	420	347	15,886	13,770	630	731	1,096	1,185
Burdwan, West	99	322	2,824	4,131	38	328	129	111
Chittagong	380	249	6,957	6,894	356	308	517	642
Cuttack	201	285	12,027	11,642	436	196	568	601
Pooree	82	151	4,889	5,593	151	334	180	248
Balasore	146	167	6,770	5,248	105	200	223	225
Dacca	470	495	22,006	21,002	525	1,165	531	792
Dinagepore	157	243	5,756	5,126	157	140	170	184
Darjeeling	35	33	1,495	2,355	82	19	15	27
Furreedpore	399	528	10,854	9,989	525	801	357	323
Gya	550	520	11,653	10,113	616	468	204	170
Hooghly	257	243	9,810	12,188	265	611	349	395
Howrah	223	255	11,111	10,844	118	224	34	411
Jessore	392	204	16,832	15,926	426	328	294	466
Midnapore	774	561	13,372	12,725	1,701	718	571	805
Moorshedabad	111	241	15,875	13,973	61	188	230	323
Mymensingh	467	744	12,484	16,526	374	552	98	59
Noakhally	281	182	7,153	6,648	108	94	59	140
Nuddea	315	398	13,031	12,853	759	509	292	363
Patna	400	508	11,251	11,291	817	697	228	136
Pubna	151	245	6,921	9,351	149	224	289	283
Bogra	257	227	5,358	4,930	238	107	137	116
Purneah	185	166	7,566	7,851	212	195	248	136
Rajshahye	186	390	9,109	7,713	207	301	275	164
Maldah	150	125	4,690	4,072	68	92	194	46
Rungpore	330	375	8,772	9,164	564	392	81	147
Julpigoree	72	64	3,485	4,190	15	37	50	12
Sarun	321	236	7,542	6,812	193	44	71	41
Chumparun	284	187	5,421	4,781	275	47	97	64
Shahabad	293	203	13,657	11,242	405	235	594	147
Tipperah	362	221	9,585	12,799	245	253	451	241
Mozufferpore	216	174	6,393	4,884	87	138	47	89
Durbhunga	153	90	6,717	5,389	4	46	94	203
24-Pergunnahs	959	781	23,213	25,611	725	897	328	400
Hazareebagh	391	305	6,517	5,181	196	141	185	259
Lohardugga	265	303	5,668	5,991	82	162	24	29
Manbhoom	268	282	5,731	5,617	130	136	224	227
Singbhoom	50	16	620	731	83	30	43	18
TOTAL ...	13,119	13,256	389,365	388,759	13,776	13,796	10,887	11,474
Calcutta	...	432	...	...		...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	13,119	13,688	389,365	388,759	13,776	13,796	10,887	11,474

Table K.

Showing the Detention of Witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1879.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED.							
	COURTS OF SESSION.				MAGISTRATES' COURTS.			
	On the 1st day	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.
Backergunge ...	1,235	491	218	174	18,585	4,867	1,315	266
Beerbhoom ...	144	75	39	104	7,589	431	41	14
Bhaugulpore ...	114	93	23	27	7,607	391	59	9
Monghyr ...	176	26	34	47	6,990	587	124	69
Burdwan, East ...	300	131	79	23	13,465	1,895	113	9
Burdwan, West ...	128	55	85	279	4,167	502	88	.
Chittagong * † ...	147	58	44	...	5,888	866	140	...
Cuttack ...	193	124	57	55	12,173	450	80	32
Pooree * ...	24	56		132	5,189	369	35	
Balasore ...	93	30	11	81	6,213	38	..	...
Dacca * ...	245	174	240	29	16,219	3,542	1,060	181
Dinagepore ...	58	71	28	132	4,451	749	212	...
Darjeeling ...	1	22	...	11	2,166	360	118	20
Furreedpore * ...	369	236	68	156	7,641	1,654	490	204
Gya ...	277	166	46	339	11,232	614	85	18
Hooghly ...	11	50	22	202	11,344	1,142	108	11
Howrah ...	103	100	81	77	10,779	404	49	
Jessore * ...	560	54	40	...	14,178	1,479	247	22
Midnapore ...	429	188	79	118	13,128	1,982	232	74
Moorshedabad * ...	225	131	51	10	11,424	1,975	451	123
Mymensingh ...	487	304	149	71	15,669	1,350	346	4
Noakhally * ...	355	30	8	...	6,061	466	100	21
Nuddea ...	546	116	89	49	11,462	1,624	307	98
Patna * † ...	212	98	38	160	10,675	516	70	30
Pubna ...	53	83	97	160	8,602	881	132	
Bogra ...	100	137	64	19	3,999	846	85	...
Purneah † ...	94	41	9	19	6,506	2,145	791	512
Rajshahye ...	233	172	120	213	6,634	1,083	92	15
Maldah * ...	97	75	22		3,347	650	75	..
Rungpore ...	394	65	85	14	8,426	890	408	...
Julpigoree ...	54	16	12	1	4,356	108	31	
Sarun ...	123	76	25	70	6,849	555	30	.
Chumparun ...	168	44		...	4,592	151	38	..
Shahabad * ...	171	4		93	9,592	1,298	272	80
Tipperah * ...	116	106	51	46	11,384	893	352	170
Mozufferpore * † ...	135	39	...	...	4,591	225	68	..
Durbhunga ...	64	74	19	5	5,724	1,125	309	348
24-Pergunnahs ...	488	232	260	95	24,083	1,375	153	...
Hazareebagh	117	77	55	93	4,480	807	100	
Lohardugga ...	209	75	30	49	6,146	330	89	15
Manbhoom ...	129	31	87	75	4,717	791	174	66
Singbhoom ...	16	.		11	657	68	6	..
TOTAL ...	9,193	4,229	2,465	3,239	358,980	42,174	9,075	2,411

* Exclusive of witnesses discharged without examination in Magistrates' returns
† Exclusive of witnesses discharged without examination in the Sessions Judges' returns.

Table L.

Showing the total amount of Fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1878 and 1879, the amount realised, and the amount paid by way of compensation.

DISTRICTS	Courts of Session						Magistrates Courts					
	Total amount of fines		Amount realised		Amount paid by way of compensation		Total amount of fines		Amount realised		Amount paid by way of compensation	
	1878	1879	1878	1879	1878	1879	1878	1879	1878	1879	1878	1879
	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Backergunge	420	5,025	302	813	...	.	41,510	46,527	25,856	39,058	985	1,117
Beerbhoom			.	...			10,307	7,433	7,720	6,865	878	379
Bhaugulpore	.	50	.	2		...	9,828	13,131	7,301	12,588	619	631
Monghyr	300	100	28	100			21,049	14,133	14,779	11,041	319	329
Burdwan, East	1,100		2	.			30,391	27,271	27,399	23,630	2,922	1,959
Burdwan, West		1,550		10			2,078	7,205	1,972	4,351	94	334
Chittagong	220	253	58	110		10	12,312	12,948	10,882	12,701	425	233
Cuttack	465	60	215	105	..	..	14,176	12,805	12,081	11,241	697	609
Pooree	20	100		102			6,132	9,651	5,979	8,693	792	807
Balasore ...	5	50	5	50	...	..	6,674	6,582	6,384	6,213	787	520
Dacca ..	1,350	45	365	573	66	...	41,334	36,142	39,382	31,353	2,317	3,139
Dinagepore	1,540	85	3	50	.	.	6,046	7,329	5,563	6,676	471	560
Darjeeling .	50	60	50	.			4,445	5,646	2,546	5,078	609	702
Furreedpore	1,000	2,410	257	699		..	20,928	17,776	18,212	13,624	1,462	474
Gya .	1,025	320	152	331	.	..	37,515	13,921	34,509	10,734	630	963
Hooghly ...	740	300	590	102	150	100	14,852	24,184	11,045	20,570	1,035	1,957
Howrah ...		541		541		441	22,142	34,338	19,827	26,896	703	1,618
Jessore	365	2,000	70		...	..	22,961	17,376	18,470	15,839	2,562	2,696
Midnapore	700	470	347	177			21,878	21,590	17,139	23,300	2,194	3,900
Moorshedabad .	.		...				13,826	14,172	12,958	11,594	1,321	953
Mymensingh	...	300		36			25,938	30,267	22,310	25,780	2,307	2,253
Noakhally		105		2	..	..	20,804	21,477	17,499	20,734	1,324	1,549
Nuddea	250	1,850	.	1,707	..	50	16,146	23,543	14 837	21,028	1,947	1,608
Patna ...	200	500	250	269			19,466	19,997	15,058	16,064	399	239
Pubna		1,350	200	341	..	..	8,744	9,853	8,215	7,797	995	1,244
Bogra						...	9,576	5,314	7,808	5,407	1,975	808
Purneah	..					..	14,104	17,400	12,355	15,491	539	1,261
Rajshahye .		5,050	15,000	5,105	15,000		14,851	12,646	12,815	10,278	1,265	1,622
Maldah	...	100	..	...			5,698	10,649	3,614	9,007	358	254
Rungpore	25	370		94		50	19,962	11,542	15,589	10,451	3,387	939
Julpigoree	100	...	57				5,069	4,737	3,779	4,316	104	185
Sarun .	245	100	248	5			17,498	13,172	12,725	9,941	809	1,332
Chumparun	...	10		10			10,823	9,218	7,069	7,418	369	295
Shahabad	1,378	20	570	20		...	18,327	14,665	17,083	13,566	777	468
Tipperah .	780	250	184	200			17,026	28,046	15,618	27,122	1,387	2,160
Mozufferpore ...	1,500	2,200	639	820			13,582	7,800	12,002	5,904	892	767
Durbhunga	612	1,800	225	1,309		..	15,336	9,971	11,118	9,741	1,895	1,382
24-Pergunnahs	2,800	3,200	1,171	402		..	49,430	48,505	47,859	44,251	2,573	3,115
Hazareebagh ...	330	440	.	100		100	8,725	8,072	7,686	7,570	620	609
Lohardugga .	300	1,480		540			7,336	7,538	5,947	5,222	130	66
Manbhoom	250	450	76	83	...	50	6,013	7,137	4,736	5,666	741	402
Singbhoom ..	25	100	25			...	989	1,264	884	1,245	159	118
	18,095											
TOTAL	18,095	33,094	21,089	14,808	15,216	801	6,88,827	6,74,176	6,76,640	5,86,044	46,774	46,586
Calcutta						...	67,889	68,189	59,092	59,484	3,083	3,858
GRAND TOTAL ...	18,095	33,094	21,089	14,808	15,216	801	7,56,716	7,42,365	7,25,732	6,45,528	49,857	50,444

Table M.

Showing the number of Appeals (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1878 and 1879.

DISTRICTS	1878.						1879.					
	PREFERRED		DISPOSED OF		PENDING		PREFERRED		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING	
	Court of Session	District Magistrate	Court of Session	District Magistrate	Court of Session.	District Magistrate	Court of Session	District Magistrate	Court of Session	District Magistrate	Court of Session.	District Magistrate
Backergunge ...	225	60	205	61	26	1	253	139	264	139	15	1
Beerbhoom	33	76	33	79	...	1	37	71	37	67		5
Bhaugulpore ..	10	15	10	14	1	1	18	44	19	45		
Monghyr	80	60	83	60	1	...	52	57	52	54	1	2
Burdwan, East	79	48	76	39	1	10	102	80	102	87	1	3
Burdwan, West	7	10	7	10	...	...	38	17	30	17	8	
Chittagong	43	32	41	35	3	2	52	44	53	45	2	1
Cuttack	88	2	84	2	7	...	38	16	45	16		...
Pooree ...	24	24	24	19	...	6	21	60	19	65	2	1
Balasore .	63	66	66	62	...	5	52	54	51	57	1	2
Dacca	137	182	133	179	4	11	214	72	212	82	6	1
Dinagepore ...	36	31	39	31	2	.	45	23	47	23	..	...
Darjeeling ...	9	10	9	10	...	...	7	5	7	5		...
Furreedpore ...	148	59	153	53	2	6	132	80	122	84	12	2
Gya	50	36	49	38	1	...	82	32	80	32	3	.
Hooghly	41	14	43	14	2	...	72	27	59	27	15	...
Howrah ...	62	46	62	42	1	5	42	46	41	50	2	1
Jessore	163	86	207	88	2	1	132	120	129	115	5	6
Midnapore	110	34	125	40	2	1	73	42	70	38	5	5
Moorshedabad . ..	85	28	85	27	...	1	103	8	101	9	2	...
Mymensingh .. .	162	67	162	66	4	1	98	73	102	71	..	3
Noakhally ...	52	177	53	179	...	5	88	134	88	134	.	5
Nuddea	107	54	107	53	..	4	106	46	100	47	6	3
Patna ..	103	63	103	60	1	3	75	78	73	80	3	1
Pubna	70	73	71	77	...	...	68	39	64	35	4	4
Bogra . ..	43	50	40	50	3	...	30	9	33	9	...	...
Purneah	65	47	67	48	1	...	65	49	64	48	2	1
Rajshahye	75	41	73	41	4	...	67	34	67	33	4	1
Maldah	22	33	32	31	...	2	13	45	10	47	3	...
Rungpore	63	33	59	31	4	8	56	35	56	42	4	1
Julpigoree	10	21	10	21			8	7	7	7	1	...
Sarun ...	85	47	71	52	17	2	64	48	81	43		7
Chumparun ...	45	30	38	21	8	10	40	39	46	44	2	5
Shahabad	174	31	177	31	...	2	130	48	111	50	19	...
Tipperah	70	9	70	9	3	...	145	19	131	15	14	4
Mozufferpore	55	22	54	20	5	2	28	15	33	17	...	...
Durbhunga	35	45	30	43	7	3	42	32	46	35	2	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	177	63	178	64	6	2	125	14	122	16	9	...
Hazareebagh	22	13	23	10	2	3	23	17	25	14	...	3
Lohardugga	8	30	8	30	.	4	26	48	25	49	1	3
Manbhoom	17	36	22	31	..	5	17	60	16	65	1	...
Singbhoom	3	3	3	3	.	...	4	...	4	.	...	
TOTAL ..	2,956	1,907	2,985	1,874	120	107	2,883	1,926	2,844	1,958	155	71

Table N.

Showing the number of Applications for revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1879.

DISTRICTS.	1878.						1879.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Court of Session.	District Magistrate	Court of Session	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.	Court of Session.	District Magistrate	Court of Session.	District Magistrate.
Backergunge	21	181	22	184	4	5	48	53	35	57	16	1
Beerbhoom	10	1	10	1	...	...	12	8	12	7	...	1
Bhaugulpore	8	...	10	..	...	...	2	1	2	1	...	...
Monghyr	6	6	6	6	...	...	4	3	4	3	...	...
Burdwan, East	27	38	25	35	2	2	30	24	31	26	1	...
Burdwan, West	7	...	6	...	1	...	6	...	6	...	1	...
Chittagong	14	10	14	10	...	...	18	4	18	4	...	...
Cuttack	26	...	25	...	3	...	19	20	18	20	4	...
Pooree	5	8	5	7	...	2	4	3	3	5	1	...
Balasore	1	...	1	...	...	...	8	...	6	...	2	...
Dacca	12	28	12	28	..	...	23	44	22	29	1	15
Dinagepore	13	...	15	...	...	...	7	3	7	3	...	...
Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	2	...	...
Furreedpore	21	70	21	64	1	6	22	58	18	64	5	...
Gya	38	...	37	...	1	...	39	..	32	..	8	...
Hooghly	5	3	4	3	1	...	7	8	5	8	3	...
Howrah	2	14	2	12	...	2	6	34	5	35	1	1
Jessore	46	20	57	20	1	..	22	8	17	7	6	1
Midnapore	69	5	74	5	3	...	54	12	55	12	2	...
Moorshedabad	17	15	15	15	3	...	27	24	29	24	1	...
Mymensingh	62	90	62	86	2	4	48	64	50	68	...	...
Noakhally	18	38	19	38	...	...	8	16	8	15	...	1
Nuddea	22	...	23	...	1	...	10	5	11	5	...	...
Patna	6	...	6	...	...	...	22	1	22	1	...	...
Pubna	3	21	5	15	...	6	21	19	20	23	1	2
Bogra	7	6	6	6	1	...	1	3	2	3	...	...
Purneah	6	25	7	25	...	...	9	6	9	6	...	...
Rajshahye	20	7	23	7	1	..	14	11	15	9	...	2
Maldah	6	7	4	7	2	...	...	9	2	9	...	...
Rungpore	22	...	22	...	...	...	17	11	14	10	3	1
Julpigoree	1	4	1	4	...	...	.	1	...	1	...	...
Sarun	24	8	18	7	6	1	23	22	29	20	...	3
Chumparun	6	2	5	2	1	...	10	4	11	4	...	...
Shahabad	2	21	3	21	...	...	4	20	2	20	2	...
Tipperah	27	30	31	23	1	7	29	15	24	21	6	1
Mozufferpore	69	15	69	15	6	...	19	20	23	20	2	..
Durbhunga	16	31	9	28	7	4	4	22	11	26	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	...	61	...	61	...	2	...	85	...	87	...	...
Hazareebagh	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Lohardugga	12	5	13	5	...	1	10	3	7	4	3	...
Manbhoom	4	11	4	11	...	...	3	13	3	13	...	
Singbhoom	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
TOTAL ...	685	781	692	751	48	42	612	659	590	672	69	29

Table O.

Showing the number of persons whose cases came before the Courts of Sessions Judges and of District Magistrates on appeal or application for revision, with the result as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.				Applications for Revision.			
	Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent of persons appealing to persons in respect to whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of applicants in whose cases the sentences or orders were confirmed	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of applicants for revision.	Ratio per cent of applicants for revision to persons in respect to whom orders were passed.	Number of applicants whose applications were rejected or in whose case orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of rejected to disposed of.
Backerguege	733	29·2	500	67·4	129	1·1	96	84·9
Beerbhoom	201	19·9	129	64·8	23	·8	19	86·3
Bhaugulpore	146	8·2	100	68	5	·1	4	23·5
Monghyr	221	11·1	115	53·4	20	·4	6	85·6
Burdwan, East	284	14·6	123	41·1	59	·7	53	85·4
Burdwan, West	118	25·9	46	43·8	6	·4	5	83 3
Chittagong	155	19·1	100	64 5	39	1·2	24	61·5
Cuttack	68	10 2	65	73	68	1·7	48	77·4
Pooree	139	13·7	96	64·4	9	·2	8	88·8
Balasore	178	31	113	62	17	·8	15	100
Dacca	473	20	284	58·1	77	1	64	84·2
Dinagepore	93	11	61	64 2	12	·5	12	100
Darjeeling	12	1·8	7	58·3	3	·1	1	33·3
Furreedpore	367	34 7	229	68·3	88	2·1	53	60·9
Gya	159	11·1	80	51·2	53	1·4	20	48·7
Hooghly	169	11·4	82	58·1	22	·4	19	95
Howrah	122	4·1	70	57·3	42	·6	30	71·4
Jessore	415	30·1	248	61·5	61	·9	26	76·4
Midnapore	176	16·2	93	56 3	84	1·4	98	79
Moorshedabad	151	26·4	89	59·3	51	·9	35	64·8
Mymensingh	314	16 8	178	56·3	144	2·7	114	76
Noakhally	381	26·7	276	72·6	26	·8	20	76
Nuddea	255	19·8	137	56·6	23	·4	18	75
Patna	236	19·1	155	64 5	63	·9	35	55·5
Pubna	193	28	129	71 2	49	1·4	43	82·6
Bogra	67	12·3	50	48 5	8	·4	2	.07
Purneah	268	23·4	194	74	16	·4	14	87·5
Rajshahye	169	41·7	90	55 9	35	1·3	22	59·4
Maldah	114	14·7	67	59 2	12	·6	6	42·8
Rungpore	131	25·8	86	63 7	33	·7	18	64·2
Julpigoree	18	3·8	5	29 4	1	·06	...	...
Sarun . ..	216	28·7	151	60·6	94	3·6	62	46·6
Chumparun ...	111	15·8	79	63·2	29	1·6	27	90
Shahabad	256	21	134	60·9	30	·6	16	59·2
Tipperah	266	37	156	68·1	54	1	45	80·3
Mozufferpore	71	13·2	40	43·9	73	2·9	40	63·4
Durbhunga	153	18·4	98	58·6	38	1·2	46	64·7
24-Pergunnahs ...	231	14·8	139	61·7	105	·7	77	71·9
Hazareebagh	56	7	42	72·4	1	·04	1	100
Lohardugga ...	105	10	62	63·2	23	·9	12	66 6
Manbhoom	169	17	101	57	17	·7	16	94·1
Singbhoom	4	2·8	3	75	..	...	...	
Total ...	8,167	17·7	5,002	61·5	1,742	1·1	1,270	70·3

Table P.

Showing the number of Appeals and applications for revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the High Court in 1878-79.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals						Applications for Revision					
	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Backergunge	64	92	64	88	3	7	28	23	27	23	1	1
Beerbhoom	4	4	3	5	1	...	2	5	2	5	...	...
Bhaugulpore	18	20	19	19	...	1	17	4	17	4	...	...
Monghyr		5		2		3		9		9		...
Burdwan, East	7	9	7	8	...	1	14	21	15	20	...	1
Burdwan, West	4	15	6	12	...	3	3	1	3	1	...	...
Chitttagong	18	13	17	15	2	...	7	5	6	4	1	2
Cuttack	13	13	15	12	...	1	5	6	5	5	1	2
Pooree		...		...		...		1		1		...
Balasore		11		9		2		1		1		...
Dacca	25	24	26	24	3	3	21	17	19	19	3	1
Dinagepore	17	17	18	16	...	1	7	6	8	6	...	...
Darjeeling	2	2	4	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
Furreedpore	23	27	23	16	...	11	20	15	20	14	...	1
Gya	23	25	22	25	1	1	25	14	22	16	4	2
Hooghly	14	16	15	16	...	...	29	12	30	11	1	1
Howrah		8		7		1		20		21		...
Jessore	33	24	28	24	5	5	28	12	27	13	1	1
Midnapore	42	38	43	33	...	5	11	14	12	14	...	...
Moorshedabad	8	8	8	8	...	...	6	13	6	11	...	2
Mymensingh	22	32	25	30	...	2	17	25	18	23	...	2
Noakhally	22	20	20	23	4	1	7	7	8	8	...	..
Nuddea	22	11	26	11	...	...	10	10	11	10	...	1
Patna	13	23	12	19	1	5	28	19	29	17	...	2
Pubna	11	14	12	11	1	4	6	7	6	7	...	...
Bogra	17	9	17	9	...	...	3	1	3	1	...	...
Purneah	16	6	16	3	...	3	7	7	7	8	...	...
Rajshahye	11	29	12	26	...	3	20	12	20	14	2	...
Maldah	9	6	9	6	...	...	3	5	3	5	...	...
Rungpore	17	22	18	22	...	..	19	9	19	9	...	...
Julpigoree	...	5	...	2	...	3	2	3	2	3	...	...
Sarun	49	25	48	26	1	...	14	18	16	17	...	1
Chumparun		16		14		2		3		2		1
Shahabad	11	14	10	13	2	3	12	6	11	7	1	...
Tipperah	16	17	20	13	...	4	5	16	6	15	...	1
Mozufferpore	31	12	27	15	4	1	30	14	32	14	...	...
Durbhunga		6		6		...		14		14		...
24-Pergunnahs	21	34	20	33	1	2	19	46	19	46	1	1
Hazareebagh	35	8	34	8	5	...	21	2	18	2	3	
Lohardugga		30		22		9		12		12		1
Manbhoom		13		16		...		1		2		...
Singbhoom		..		1		...		...		1		...
Total ...	638	723	644	669	34	88	446	437	447	436	19	24
Calcutta	9	9	9	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	647	732	653	677	34	89	446	437	447	436	19	24

Table Q.

Showing the result, as affecting persons, of appeal and revision in the High Court in 1879.

DISTRICTS	Appeals.						Applications for Revision.					
	Rejected.	Sentence affirmed.	Sentence reversed.	Sentence varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Rejected.	Order affirmed.	Order reversed.	Order varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.
Backergunge	78	37	7	27	...	...	33	5	4	2	...	...
Beerbhoom	3	2	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	2	...	...
Bhaugulpore	11	11	5	1	...	...	2	12	...	5	...	...
Monghyr	3	1	...	..	...	...	8	...	7	1	3	...
Burdwan, East	5	2	...	1	..	...	16	6	4	1	4	...
Burdwan, West	5	3	2	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	21	6	1	2	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	9	4	..	2	...	..	1	2	4	...	...	...
Pooree	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Balasore	5	1	1	2	...	..	2	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	34	8	1	1	..	...	15	2	7	3	2	...
Dinagepore	22	3	..	1	...	...	7	...	2	...	...	...
Darjeeling	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Furreedpore	24	9	...	...	...	...	22	7	7	1	5	...
Gya	14	16	2	2	...	...	2	2	17	2	...	...
Hooghly	23	6	...	4	4	...	17	...	2	...	...	...
Howrah	8	...	5	1	...	...	8	3	10	1	1	...
Jessore	17	12	7	5	...	...	21	1	13	1	1	...
Midnapore	26	14	6	...	...	...	1	3	23	3	3	...
Moorshedabad	13	4	...	...	...	...	7	1	12	1	...	...
Mymensing	55	9	9	16	...	...	21	8	6	1	2	...
Noakhally	18	18	1	2	1	...	4	...	3	4	...	...
Nuddea	15	3	...	...	...	...	7	2	12	...	3	...
Patna	16	3	...	...	2	...	13	2	19	...	3	...
Pubna	12	5	2	6	...	...	16	3	3	1	...	...
Bogra	7	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5		...
Purneah	1	2	...	1	...	...	4	1	1	..	1	...
Rajshahye	11	14	3	11	...	...	8	11	9	1	2	...
Maldah	2	3	...	3	..	...	1	5	...	2	2	...
Rungpore	22	7	...	2	...	..	1	5	26	1	...	...
Julpigoree	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...
Sarun	20	3	1	5	...	...	13	34	46	.	3	...
Chumparun	8	3	1	3	...	...	1	...	2	..	...	...
Shahabad	8	10	2	1	...	...	1	5	9	1	1	...
Tipperah	19	6	1	1	.	...	5	...	12		1	...
Mozufferpore	10	4	...	4	...	...	4	9	15	1	2	...
Durbhunga	1	2	3	1	...	...	21	1	12	...	1	2
24-Pergunnahs	44	15	1	5	12	...	33	14	18	1	15	...
Hazareebagh	11	2	2	4	..	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	23	6	3	2	...	...	3	3	7	1	1	...
Manbhoom	12	8	3	4	...	...	..	..	1	1	...	...
Singbhoom	...	...	1	.	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...
Total ...	638	267	71	125	19	1	324	153	316	46	57	2
Calcutta	6	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	644	268	72	127	19	1	324	153	316	46	57	2

Table R.

Criminal business coming before the High Court from the Lower Provinces of Bengal in 1879.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

DESCRIPTION OF CASES	Remaining from 1878	Filed in 1879.	Disposed of in 1879	Remaining at the close of 1879.
APPEALS.				
BY PERSONS CONVICTED ... From the orders of the Presidency Magistrates	...	9	8	1
BY PERSONS CONVICTED ... Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 36, C. P C.	1	4	4	1
BY PERSONS CONVICTED ... Sessions Judges ..	32	716	661	87
BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT From the judgments of acquittal of all Courts	1	3	4	...
Total ...	34	732	677	89
REFERENCES.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the verdict of a Jury and referred under Section 263, C. P C. ..	2	18	15	5
Cases in which sentence of death passed by Sessions Judges was referred for confirmation under Section 287, C. P. C.	6	56	56	6
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred for orders under Section 186, C. P. C. .	...	1	1	...
Total ...	8	75	72	11
REVISION				
Cases referred for revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Section 296, C. P. C.	17	169	169	17
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 294, C. P C.—				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates	3	226	222	7
(2) " " Sessions Judges	3	42	45	...
Total ...	23	437	436	24
FULL BENCH REFERENCES	2	1	2	1
MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS IN COURT...	...	26	25	1
Total ...	2	27	27	2
GRAND TOTAL	67	1,271	1,212	126

Table S.

Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts, 1879.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.					CHARGES.					
	In Court Fee Stamps.		In Cash.		Total.	Share of Officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishments.		Contingencies and refunds.	Total.	Results, *plus* or *minus*.
	Process Fees.	Other Fees.	Fines.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process servers.	Others.			
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge ...	4,728	9,447	39,871	4,052	58,098	62,806	2,915	10,793	10,697	87,211	—29,113
Beerbhoom ...	920	2,142	7,209	227	10,498	25,603	866	5,178	4,006	35,653	—25,155
Bhaugulpore ...	2,386	3,937	12,729	369	19,421	48,034	1,461	8,171	5,355	63,021	—43,600
Monghyr ...	1,761	3,279	11,061	413	16,514	27,967	1,463	7,771	9,471	46,672	—30,158
Burdwan, East ...	5,776	9,038	24,899	4,380	44,093	47,428	2,597	14,005	10,484	74,514	—30,421
Burdwan, West ...	1,140	1,689	4,361	52	7,242	29,854	938	7,041	2,663	40,496	—33,254
Chittagong ...	3,074	3,137	12,918	668	19,797	38,500	1,529	15,106	5,368	60,503	—40,706
Cuttack ...	2,190	3,312	11,498	200	17,200	33,554	1,547	9,868	4,681	49,650	—32,450
Pooree ...	1,181	3,124	8,701	693	13,699	17,926	1,007	5,906	2,077	26,916	—13,217
Balasore ...	1,462	2,798	6,366	105	10,731	20,241	604	7,344	2,943	31,132	—20,401
Dacca ...	9,300	10,313	31,926	3,308	54,847	46,593	3,688	10,897	9,559	70,737	—15,890
Dinagepore ...	2,463	36	13,472	461	16,432	30,585	1,593	6,156	2,742	41,076	—24,644
Darjeeling ...	350	547	5,078	...	5,975	25,732	591	816	1,359	28,498	—22,523
Furreedpore ...	3,280	4,928	14,534	1,801	24,543	37,577	1,909	10,856	6,362	56,704	—32,161
Gya ...	2,169	4,669	10,799	461	18,098	42,702	1,344	9,276	7,322	60,644	—42,546
Hooghly ...	3,652	5,130	21,338	461	30,581	59,484	2,556	10,800	7,246	80,086	—49,505
Howrah ...	2,301	3,711	27,212	1,253	34,477	21,253	888	7,024	6,085	35,250	—773
Jessore ...	5,593	8,872	16,204	1,020	31,689	43,715	3,335	11,696	7,658	66,404	—34,715
Midnapore ...	5,093	8,000	23,737	5,412	42,242	52,277	3,043	11,592	10,540	77,452	—35,210
Moorshedabad ...	3,189	5,052	11,886	1,950	22,077	39,725	2,238	10,986	5,669	58,618	—36,541
Mymensingh ...	6,620	10,666	30,029	1,017	48,332	54,299	3,674	10,701	7,894	76,568	—28,236
Noakhally ...	4,024	6,017	21,481	1,198	32,720	27,831	2,842	7,507	3,895	42,075	—9,355
Nuddea ...	4,101	5,687	24,275	673	34,736	69,155	1,828	12,354	8,431	91,768	—57,032
Patna ...	4,296	4,877	16,338	614	26,125	54,426	3,412	11,956	6,144	75,938	—49,813
Pubna ...	3,441	4,850	8,138	207	16,636	34,433	2,280	6,420	4,687	47,820	—31,184
Bogra ...	1,619	2,187	5,593	63	9,462	18,741	845	4,469	1,899	25,924	—16,462
Purneah ...	2,614	3,568	15,977	721	22,880	35,588	1,569	7,900	4,450	49,507	—26,627
Rajshahye ...	2,250	4,084	15,839	578	22,751	39,861	1,877	7,170	3,395	52,303	—29,552
Maldah ...	1,309	1,481	10,649	412	13,851	12,005	1,148	4,414	1,573	19,140	—5,289
Rungpore ...	3,157	3,769	10,545	26,514	43,985	33,358	2,148	15,268	4,068	54,842	—10,857
Julpigoree ...	1,451	1,540	4,366	97	7,454	12,208	873	7,001	3,106	23,188	—15,734
Sarun ...	1,986	5,103	10,022	1,525	18,636	39,996	1,725	6,565	4,903	53,189	—34,553
Chumparun ...	649	1,255	7,418	3,235	12,557	18,801	756	4,277	1,746	25,580	—13,023
Shahabad ...	2,301	5,403	13,637	1,309	22,650	39,856	1,578	44,412	5,275	91,121	—68,471
Tipperah ...	7,140	9,801	27,544	854	45,339	34,825	2,251	8,521	3,392	48,989	—3,650
Mozufferpore ...	1,996	3,711	9,957	1,430	17,094	41,531	1,233	5,663	3,014	51,441	—34,347
Durbhunga ...	909	1,249	11,803	3,501	17,462	35,949	692	8,847	4,379	49,867	—32,495
24-Pergunnahs ...	9,840	11,854	44,653	2,188	68,535	87,769	4,591	20,122	13,571	126,053	—57,518
Hazareebagh ...	967	1,512	8,293	242	11,014	32,762	611	3,745	4,486	41,604	—30,590
Lohardugga ...	2,062	3,866	5,222	...	11,150	23,701	1,260	3,186	6,248	34,395	—23,245
Manbhoom ...	1,770	2,683	5,811	1,248	11,512	13,294	1,439	4,362	2,706	21,801	—10,289
Singbhoom ...	127	72	1,245	...	1,444	7,366	158	1,486	135	9,145	— 7,701
Total: Courts of Magistrates.	1,26,614	1,85,486	6,07,252	74,690	9,94,042	12,04,889	72,774	3,63,510	2,05,901	18,47,074	—8,53,032
Total: Courts of Session.	27	2,910	17,382	222	20,537	3,14,392	2,128	24,118	15,783	3,56,421	—3,35,884
Total ...	1,26,637	1,88,396	6,24,634	74,912	10,14,579	15,19,281	74,902	3,87,628	2,21,684	22,03,495	—11,88,916
Calcutta: Presidency Magistrates.	...	339	59,484	4,359	64,182	33,000	...	14,169	1,063	48,232	+15,950
Calcutta: High Court.	...	2,105	...	...	2,105	1,00,000	...	35,407	360	1,35,767	—1,33,662
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,26,637	1,90,840	6,84,118	79,271	10,80,866	16,52,281	74,902	4,37,204	2,23,107	22,87,494	—13,06,628

ANNUAL STATEMENTS (CRIMINAL).

Annual Statement 1 (Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising jurisdiction in Criminal cases in the Lower Provinces of Bengal on the last day of the year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1879.

DISTRICTS	Area	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions of Districts (including Sudder Division).	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS				Number of Benches of Magistrates	NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED						NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES DECIDED ON APPEAL.			Total Receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total Charges of the Criminal Courts.
					Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all grades	MAGISTRATES OF ALL GRADES. Stipendiary	MAGISTRATES OF ALL GRADES. Special and Honorary		By the High Court	By Courts of Session	By District Magistrates.	By other Stipendiary Magistrates	By Special and Honorary Magistrates	By Benches of Magistrates	By the High Court	By Courts of Session	By District Magistrates or other Magistrates empowered		
																			Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	3,648	1,887,586	1	4	...	1	11	16	3	.	132	35	4,263	...	350	88	264	139	58,098	87,211
Beerbhoom	1,756	853,785	1	2	...	1	6	12	2	...	24	87	1,585		28	5	37	67	10,498	35,653
Bhaugulpore	4,268	1,825,484	1	4		1	9	31	6	...	29	28	2,399	..	806	19	19	45	19,421	63,021
Monghyr	3,922	1,814,538		3	...		8	44	10		39	101	1,759	...	1,013	2	52	54	16,514	46,672
Burdwan, East	2,694	1,483,850	1	4	...	1	10	81	10		45	27	3,707	894	469	8	102	87	44,093	74,514
Burdwan, West	2,621	968,597	1	2	.	1	7	21	2		36	19	770		71	12	30	17	7,242	40,496
Chittagong	2,322	1,127,402	1	2	.	2	11	13	4	...	28	28	1,961	...	83	15	53	45	19,797	60,503
Cuttack	3,516	1,494,784	1	3	...	1	10	8	1	...	30	47	2,253	57	226	12	45	16	17,200	49,650
Pooree	2,472	769,674		2	..		7	5	1	..	20	106	2,002	...	114	..	19	65	13,699	26,916
Balasore	2,068	770,232		2	..		6	9	1	...	21	37	974	298	58	9	51	57	10,731	31,132
Dacca	2,796	1,870,256	1	3		1	11	33	4		90	49	4,117	165	846	24	212	82	54,847	70,737
Dinagepore	4,126	1,501,924	1	1	.	1	6	8	2	..	29	18	1,005	...	702	16	47	23	16,432	41,076
Darjeeling	1,234	94,712		2	.		5	6	1		5	44	1,262	9	552	1	7	5	5,975	28,498
Furreedpore	2,267	1,502,436	1	3	...	1	8	26	3	..	61	10	2,238	.	366	16	122	84	24,543	56,704
Gya	4,712	1,947,824	1	4		1	12	27	3	...	64	130	1,716	40	699	25	80	32	18,098	60,644
Hooghly	1,224	1,157,385	1	3	...	2	11	52	8	...	33	20	2,700		877	16	59	27	30,581	80,086
Howrah	476	595,865		2	...		6	26	3	...	24	241	3,102		1,501	7	41	50	34,477	35,250
Jessore	3,658	2,075,021	1	6	...	1	14	71	7	..	66	8	3,318	607	296	24	129	115	31,689	66,400

Midnapore	5,082	2,545,179	1	4	...	1	10	41	10	...	56	15	3,106	...	686	33	70	38	42,242	77,452
Moorshedabad	2,140	1,214,104	1	4	.	1	10	50	6	...	43	89	2,692	...	583	8	101	9	22,077	58,618
Mymensingh	6,304	2,349,917	1	4	...	1	11	25	4	...	76	153	2,991	79	233	30	102	71	48,332	76,568
Noakhally	1,641	840,376	1	2	...	1	9	...	1	...	24	83	1,625	...	142	23	88	134	32,720	42,075
Nuddea	3,421	1,812,795	1	6	..	1	14	69	7	...	84	2	3,101	...	230	11	100	47	34,736	91,768
Patna	2,078	1,559,638	1	4	..	1	11	19	4	...	77	18	2,695	...	1,878	19	73	80	26,125	75,938
Pubna	1,847	1,211,594	1	2	...	1	8	9	2	...	31	76	1,515	...	153	11	64	35	16,636	47,820
Bogra	1,497	689,467		1	...		4	7	1	...	29	132	814	...	35	9	33	9	9,462	25,924
Purneah	4,957	1,714,795	1	3	...	1	10	27	3	...	21	165	1,644	30	211	3	64	48	22,880	49,507
Rajshahye	2,234	1,310,729	1	2	...	1	8	6	1	...	60	4	1,441	...	46	26	67	33	22,751	52,303
Maldah	1,859	678,533		1	...		5	7	2	...	22	119	892	...	109	6	10	47	13,851	19,140
Rungpore	3,488	2,153,686	1	4	...	1	8	46	3	...	53	175	1,514	...	246	22	56	42	43,985	54,842
Julpigoree	2,911	418,665		2	...		5	1	3	...	9	12	671	106	147	2	7	7	7,454	23,188
Sarun	2,624	2,067,337	1	3	..	1	9	11	2	...	34	81	1,471	...	72	26	81	43	18,636	53,189
Chumparun	3,531	1,440,815		2	...		5	5	1	...	27	95	1,102	...	28	14	46	44	12,557	25,580
Shahabad	4,385	1,723,974	1	4	...	1	9	26	5	...	27	7	2,682	142	194	13	111	50	22,650	91,121
Tipperah	2,446	1,368.634	1	3	...	1	7	14	2	...	29	...	2,158	...	508	13	131	15	45,339	48,989
Mozufferpore	3,004	2,245,408	1	3	...	1	9	43	10	...	31	5	1,283	...	164	15	33	17	17,094	51,441
Durbhunga	3,335	2,139,294		3	.		9	40	7	...	18	17	1,329	182	45	6	46	35	17,462	49,867
24-Pergunnahs	2,788	2,210,047	1	8	...	2	26	88	12	...	94	...	8,042	121	1,111	33	122	16	68,535	126,053
Hazareebagh	7,021	771,081	1	2	...	1	8	1	...	...	29	28	1,363	...	...	8	25	14	11,014	41,604
Lohardugga	12,044	1,237,123		2	...		9	...	...	...	39	181	1,279	...	...	22	25	49	11,150	34,395
Manbhoom	4,147	820,521		2	...		9	2	...	...	28	38	1,093	153	...	16	16	65	11,512	21,801
Singbhoom	3,897	318,180		1	...		2	3	1	...	3	77	76	...	52	1	4	...	1,444	9,145
TOTAL ...	138,606	58,622,106	29	124	...	32*	373	1,029	158	...	1,720	2,607	87,710	2,883	15,930	669	2,844	1,958	10,14,579	22,03,495
Calcutta	8	429,535	1	2	12	...	2	63	2	75	...	...	17,309	...	448	8	...	...	64,182	48,232
GRAND TOTAL ...	138,614	59,051,641	30	126	12	32*	375	1,092	160	75	1,720	2,607	105,019	2,883	16,378	677	2,844	1,958	10,78,761	22,51,727

* The number of officers is 31 only, as the Additional Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs, being also Additional Judge of Hooghly, is entered twice.

Annual Statement 2—(Criminal).

Statement of Offences reported and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1879.

Nomenclature of offences, with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of Crime.	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons				
		Offences reported.	Complaints rejected under Section 147, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
					I. Offences under the Penal Code.						
Offences against the State.											
Chapter VI. Sections 121 to 130	1	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Army or Navy.											
„ VII. Sections 131 to 140	2	...	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the public tranquillity.											
„ VIII. Sections 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158. Unlawful assembly	3	1,431	249	199	982	766	3,176	1,134	1,887	12	143
„ „ „ 147, 148, 152, and 153 to 156. Rioting, &c.	4	1,513	104	119	1,288	1.225	6,137	1.777	3,803	18	539
„ „ Section 160. Affray	5	384	...	...	384	380	1,006	59	947	...	...
Offences by or relating to public servants.											
„ IX Sections 161 to 169. By public servants	6	207	10	4	193	179	247	128	101	...	18
„ „ „ 161, 170, and 171—Relating to public servants	7	167	16	2	149	136	210	80	128	...	2
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.											
„ X. Sections 172 to 190	8	4,268	81	29	4,156	3,981	7,206	2,094	4,981	14	117
False evidence and offences against public officers.											
„ XI Sections 193 to 200. False evidence or subornation, &c., of public servants	9	718	20	6	691	652	1,000	515	421	8	56
„ „ „ 201 to 229. Offences against public justice	10	2,665	68	41	2,556	2,384	3,312	1,276	1,861	22	153
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps.											
„ XII. Sections 231 to 254. Offences relating to coin	11	137	1	5	131	123	174	69	101	...	4
„ „ „ 255 to 263. Offences relating to stamps	12	53	...	1	52	51	62	30	29	...	3
Offences relating to weights and measures.											
„ XIII Sections 264 to 267	13	245	5	4	236	224	340	98	240	...	2
Offences affecting public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.											
„ XIV. Sections 269 to 278. Offences affecting public health	14	159	14	7	138	118	268	75	191	...	2

" " " 279 to 289. Ditto safety	15	1,141	2	13	1,126	1,107	1,410	251	1,149	1	9
" " " 290 & 291. Ditto convenience	16	3,974	14	3	3,957	3,944	6,993	129	6,862	...	2
" " " 292 to 294. Ditto decency and morals	17	163	2	4	157	156	283	53	228	...	2
" " Section 294A Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery.	17a	2	.	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to religion.											
" XV. Sections 295 to 298	18	32	7	...	25	20	38	20	11	1	6
Offences affecting the human body.											
" XVI Sections 302 and 303. Murder	19	357	...	37	320	286	683	304	197	17	162
" " Section 307. Attempt at murder	20	73	..	9	64	55	84	43	29	2	10
" " " 304. Culpable homicide	21	256	1	32	222	201	487	184	183	15	105
" " " 304A. Causing death by rash or negligent act	21a	81	...	3	78	72	91	33	54	...	4
" " " 308. Attempt at culpable homicide	22	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1
" " Sections 305 and 306. Abetment of suicide	23	1	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	...
" " Section 309. Attempted suicide	24	431	1	45	385	338	351	83	258	3	7
" " " 311. Thuggee, &c.	25	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...
" " Sections 312 to 315. Causing miscarriage	26	121	14	17	90	63	82	66	9	2	5
" " Section 316. Injury to unborn children	27	5	...	1	4	3	3	3	...	...	...
" " " 317. Exposure of infants	28	73	2	10	61	50	71	31	31	1	8
" " " 318. Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	29	37	...	2	34	28	39	16	21	.	2
" " Sections 325 to 331, and 333. Hurt with aggravating circumstances	30	705	12	70	623	530	1,059	368	608	7	76
" " " 323, 324, 332, and 334 to 338. Other cases	31	9,127	489	496	8,141	6,029	9,594	3,260	5,992	12	330
" " Section 341. Wrongful restraint	32	1,450	224	180	1,045	763	1,290	653	578	...	59
" " Sections 342 to 348. Wrongful confinement	33	2,979	508	620	1,850	1,212	2,388	1,387	850	8	143
" " " 352 to 358. Criminal force or assault	34	49,066	7,771	2,163	39,132	19,170	24,745	11,849	12,454	21	421
" " " 364, 366, and 367. Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances	35	73	8	6	59	54	102	57	35	5	5
" " " 363, 365, 368, and 369. Other cases	36	258	31	64	163	125	241	152	69	2	18
" " " 370 and 371. Slavery	37	12	1	2	9	5	5	5	...	...	...
" " " 372 and 373. Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	38	143	3	3	137	79	152	71	77	...	4
" " Section 374. Forced labor	39	7	2	1	4	4	5	4	1	...	...
" " " 376. Rape	40	295	16	100	179	141	209	143	56	1	9
" " " 377. Unnatural offence	41	47	2	3	42	38	46	25	16	...	5
Offences against property.											
" XVII. Section 382 Theft with aggravating circumstances	42	11	...	1	10	6	19	12	...	...	7
" " Sections 379 to 381 and 401. Other cases	43	38,798	3,032	6,324	29,407	19,339	28,484	11,026	16,348	54	1,056
" " " 386 to 389. Extortion with aggravating circumstances	44	21	6	3	12	6	6	5	1	...	...
" " " 384 and 385. Other cases	45	1,344	327	101	916	588	915	604	267	2	42
" " Section 394 } Robbery . { With hurt	46	25	1	3	21	21	43	8	31	4	...
" " " 392 } Robbery . { Other cases	47	264	9	86	169	114	263	104	130	1	28
" " " 393 } Robbery . { Attempts	48	6	...	1	5	3	3	1	2	...	...
" " " 396 } Dacoity { With murder	49	3	...	...	3	1	12	3	8	1	...
" " " 397 } Dacoity { With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt	50	10	...	1	9	7	25	20	2	...	3
" " " 398 } Dacoity { Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons	51	5	...	...	5	2	11	9	..	...	2
" " Sections 395, 399, 400, and 402 } Dacoity { Other cases	52	215	...	51	164	129	782	413	287	12	70

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Offences against property—continued.											
Chapter XVII. Sections 403 and 404. Criminal misappropriation of property	53	953	200	22	731	558	760	321	419	1	19
" " " 406 to 409. Criminal breach of trust	54	3,355	721	338	2,295	1,626	2,088	1,101	893	10	83
" " " 411 to 414. Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property	55	2,357	21	82	2,253	2,108	3,889	1,202	2,591	7	89
" " " 417 to 420. Cheating	56	1,912	590	56	1,266	845	1,097	691	360	3	43
" " " " 421 to 424. Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property	57	9	...	...	9	9	14	2	7	...	5
" " " 429 to 433 and 435 to 440 — Mischief. With aggravating circumstances	58	1,617	201	218	1,198	696	1,110	623	426	4	57
" " " 426 to 428 and 434 — Mischief. Other cases	59	8,106	1,715	335	6,054	2,988	4,295	2,471	1,703	1	120
" " " 459 and 460 — Criminal trespass. Resulting in death or grievous hurt	60	39	1	2	36	32	39	18	18	1	2
" " " 449 to 452, 454, 455, 457 and 458 — Criminal trespass. For commission of serious offences	61	18,828	44	1,221	17,557	2,831	4,332	1,521	2,644	22	145
" " " 447, 448, 453, 456, 461 and 462 — Criminal trespass. Other cases	62	11,042	2,145	926	7,957	5,532	8,820	4,072	4,454	13	281
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks.											
" XVIII. Sections 465 to 471 and 474. Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers	63	237	9	2	224	203	421	253	70	21	77
" " " 472 to 476. Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, &c., for purposes of forgery	64	5	1	...	4	3	5	4	1	.	...
" Section 477. Fraudulently destroying or defacing a will or other document	65	11	2	2	7	6	8	5	2	...	1
" " Sections 482, 486, 487, and 488. Using a false trade or property mark, and knowingly selling property so marked	66	2			2	2	2	1		...	1
" " 483 to 485. Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die, plate, or instrument for counterfeiting trade or property marks	67	5	1	...	4	3	3	3	...	...	..
" " Section 489 Removing, destroying, &c., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury	68	5	2		3	2	2	...	2	...	...
Criminal breach of contract of service.											
" XIX. Sections 490 to 492	69	122	24	16	82	69	121	46	66		9

Offences relating to marriage.											
„ XX. Sections 493 to 498	70	3,715	1,046	204	2,465	1,312	1,791	1,430	261	6	94
Defamation.											
„ XXI. Sections 500 to 502	71	682	258	26	398	218	276	189	77	1	9
Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance.											
„ XXII. Section 506. The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt	72	200	24	8	168	125	131	48	80	...	3
„ „ Sections 504 to 510. Other cases	73	1,306	243	24	1,039	712	985	414	563	...	8
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE		178,067	20,301	14,354	143,340	84,789	134,341	53,145	76,171	336	4,686
					II. OFFENCES UNDER SPECIAL AND LOCAL LAWS.						
Code of Criminal Procedure.											
Chapter XXXVII. Sections 491, 494, 497. Security for keeping the peace	74	3,297	405	112	2,777	2,204	9,798	2,195	7,407	19	177
„ XXXVIII. „ 504, 505, 506. Security for good behaviour	75	919	44	6	869	791	978	292	616	12	57
Other Laws—Relating to											
Arms and Ammunition, Acts XXXI of 1860 and XI of 1878	...	550	...	...	550	537	650	84	553	.	13
Assault under English Statute	...	3	...	...	3	3	5	4	1	...	...
Canal, Drainage, and Embankment, Acts VI and VIII of 1873	...	210	2	...	208	185	500	201	297	...	2
Cantonments (Military), Act XXII of 1864	...	529	...	3	526	526	1,016	84	929	...	3
Cattle Trespass, Act I of 1877	...	5,791	774	352	4,665	2,028	2,950	1,486	1,434	1	29
Chowkidari Laws, Regulation XX of 1817, Act XX of 1856, and Act VI of 1870	...	250		...	250	37	274	...	272	..	2
Code of Civil Procedure, Act X of 1877		29	...	..	29	24	33	13	19	...	1
Coinage and Mint, Act XXIII of 1870	...	3	...	...	3	3	13	...	13	...	...
Contagious Diseases, Act XIV of 1868	...	1,728	...	...	1,728	1,728	2,488	80	2,400	...	8
Contract Workmen, Act XIII of 1859	...	561	31	...	530	386	381	90	290	...	1
Court of Wards, IX of 1879	...	7	...	...	7	7	8	1	7	.	...
Cruelty to Animals, Act I of 1869	...	2,474	...	...	2,474	2,472	3,425	65	3,360	...	...
Customs, Inland, Acts VI of 1864 and VIII of 1875	...	981	...	.	981	976	1,121	74	1,047	...	...
Customs, Sea, Act VIII of 1878	...	13		...	13	13	24	7	16	...	1
Emigration, Inland, Act VII of 1873 (B.C.)	...	22	...	...	22	22	40	10	29	...	1
Emigration to British Burma, Act III of 1876	...	2	...	...	2	2	7	..	7	...	...
Emigration to Foreign Ports, Act VII of 1871	...	6	...	...	6	6	6	3	3	...	...
European Vagrancy, Act IX of 1874	...	17	...	...	17	17	18	3	15	...	...
Excise, Abkaree, Opium, Acts XXI of 1856, XXIII of 1876, and I and VII of 1878	...	3,023	...	36	2,987	2,917	3,614	674	2,901	5	34
Ferries, Act II of 1873	...	21	...	...	21	20	28	18	9	...	1
Fire Brigade and Jute Warehouse, Act V (B. C.), 1879	...	7	...	...	7	7	17	...	17	...	...
Forests, Act VII of 1878	...	84	...	..	84	83	186	33	153	..	.
Furnace, Act	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	..	1	..	...
Gambling, Act II of 1867	...	333	...	1	332	330	1,169	152	1,017	..	...
Gas, Act V of 1857	...	15	...	...	15	13	10	7	3		...
Hackney and Stage Carriages, Acts V of 1866, XVI of 1861, and XIV of 1879	...	1,003	1	4	998	996	1,021	79	942	...	...
Harbouring Deserters, Act	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	.	...

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Statement of Offences reported and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1879—concluded.

Nomenclature of offences, with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable	Number of head of Crime	Number of Cases: Offences reported	Complaints rejected under Section 147, C P C	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true	Brought to trial during the year.	Number of persons: Under trial during the year	Acquitted or discharged	Convicted	Died, escaped, or transferred	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
Other Laws—Relating to—continued											
Howrah Bridge, Act IX of 1871	...	16	...	...	16	16	19	3	16	...	...
Howrah, Local Act XXI of 1857	...	101	...	...	101	99	155	12	143	...	..
Indian Companies, Act X of 1866	...	23		...	23	23	16	...	16	...	...
Inflammable Oil, Act III of 1865 (B C)	...	13	..	...	13	13	17	...	17	...	...
Inoculation, Act IV of 1865	...	41	...	..	41	41	48	16	32	...	
Jails, Acts II of 1864 and V of 1865		34	...	...	34	31	34	3	31	...	...
Land Acquisition, Act X of 1870	...	1	.		1	1	1	..	1	...	...
License Tax, Act I of 1878	...	14	...	...	14	14	21	3	18		...
Lodging-houses, Act IV (B C) of 1871	..	96	...	1	95	86	87	26	60	...	1
Merchant Shipping, Act I of 1859 and Act III (B C) of 1867	...	213	...	...	213	213	347	28	319	.	...
Mooktars, Act XVIII of 1879	...	1	...		1	1	1	1	...		...
Municipalities, Acts IV and V (B. C) of 1876	.	8,217	7	1	8,209	8,057	10,130	1,791	8,264	10	65
Mutiny Act, Section 85	...	15	...		15	15	17	1	16	...	...
Pleaders, Act XX of 1865	...	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Police, District, Act V of 1861	.	9,779	7	2	9,770	9,683	11 917	756	11,128	4	29
Police, Town, Acts II and IV of 1866	.	4,232	...	...	4,232	4,232	6 296	84	6,212	...	...
Police, Village, Acts VI and X of 1870	.	221	..	..	221	221	426	61	365	...	..
Ports, Act XII of 1875	...	616	...	..	616	616	875	7	868	.	...
Post Office, Act XIV of 1866	...	57	...	...	57	51	67	16	43	...	8
Printing Press, Acts IX and XVI of 1878	.	3	...	...	3	3	3	...	3	...	...
Prisoners, Acts II of 1864, IX of 1866, and V of 1871	..	4	...		4	4	6	.	6	...	..
Prisons, Act XXVI of 1870	...	16	...		16	16	24	3	21	..	...
Purchase of Soldiers' Clothing, Act VII of 1867	...	1	...	...	1	1	1		1	...	...
Railways, Act IV of 1879	...	678	3	3	672	662	851	140	700		11
Registration of Births and Deaths, Act IV of 1873	...	182	2	...	180	176	192	35	157	...	...
Registration of Documents, Act III of 1877	...	127	3		124	119	215	95	109	2	9
Salt, Acts VII and XXXI of 1861, VII of 1864, and VIII of 1875	...	826	...	1	825	790	929	70	850	...	9
Serais, Act XXII of 1867	.	1	..	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Smoke Nuisance, Act II of 1863 (B C)		3	...	...	3	2	2	1	1	...	.
Stamps, Acts X of 1862, XVIII of 1869, and I of 1879	...	414	2	...	412	399	582	93	488	...	1
Telegraphs, Act I of 1876	...	3	..	...	3	3	3	...	3	...	
Tolls, Act V of 1864	...	37	...	...	37	34	38	3	35	.	..
Treasure Trove, Act VI of 1878	...	8	...	..	8	8	9	4	5	...	...
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER SPECIAL LAWS	...	47,875	1,282	522	46,068	41,967	63,113	8,908	53,688	53	463
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	.	225,942	21,583	14,876	189,408	126,756	197,454*	62,053	129,859	389	5,149

* The commitments of two persons were quashed, the charge against one was withdrawn, and one person convicted under Section 507, C C P., has not been shown in the column "convicted"

Annual Statement 3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during 1879.

Nature of Proceedings.	Total number dealt with during the year.		Disposed of during the year			Remarks
	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons		
				Discharged.	Convicted	
1. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XVI, Section 209	1,033	1,073	1,033	2	1,071	
2. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter XXVI	23	39	22	8	30	
3 Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XXVIII	757	1,315	745	117	1,192	
4. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIX, Section 414 .	53	58	56	26	32	
5 Contempts of Court under Chapter XXXII	279	298	277	8	290	
6 Proceedings under Chapter XXXVII to prevent breach of the peace . .	3,209	10,629	2,796	2,204	8,425	
7. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVIII, Security for good behaviour . .	922	972	815	292	615	
8 Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter XXXIX	986	..	808	91*	713*	
9. Possession, Chapter XL . . .	436	...	354	...	...	
10. Maintenance, Chapter XLI . .	...	1,039	985	506	479	

Note—Besides the persons shown in this statement, there were 3 cases for the restoration of abducted females under Chapter II, Section 17 of the Presidency Magistrates' Act in which 11 accused were discharged.

* Owing to defects in certain local returns the result of the proceedings as regards 302 persons cannot be stated.

Annual Statement 4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the general result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various classes in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1879.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.										NUMBER OF CASES						REMARKS.
	Remaining at the end of the previous year.	BROUGHT TO TRIAL DURING THE YEAR.						Total.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Discharged or acquitted.	CONVICTED				Committed or referred.	Total of columns 11 to 16.	Persons remaining at the end of year.	Brought to trial during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Number of cases disposed of which were tried summarily.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.	
		Under arrest by police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily	Received on commitment or reference.	Received by transfer.				On regular trial.		On summary trial.											
											Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.										
I.—MAGISTRATES.																								
Village Officers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Subordinate Magistrates. Special Magistrates under Section 42	41	...	12	376	...	...	...	429	...	172	255	...	...	...	...	427	2	166	182	2	...	1·6	618	
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class	97	469	115	2,779	93	...	...	3,553	6	837	1,387	198	...	1,068	1	3,491	56	2,491	2,503	46	789	4·8	4,961	
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	...	34	4	164	14	...	...	216	...	58	6	148	3	1	...	216	...	198	198	...	4	1·1	594	
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class	1,429	20,902	2,757	20,763	980	2	7	46,840	73	17,162	24,962	2,255	1	367	844	45,591	1,176	30,197	30,322	714	1,435	9·9	116,766	
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	3,055	71,768	7,092	56 804	2,338	20	38	121,115	222	35,037	12,830	28,718	1,309	37,096	2,716	117,706	3,187	74,876	74,697	1,723	30,904	8·3	226,504	
Subordinate Magistrates. Benches of Magistrates	185	5,178	517	14,793	264	...	...	20,937	10	6,416	3,056	2,250	1,861	7,156	19	20,758	169	16,400	16,378	121	10,893	3·3	32,485	
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Section 46	1	...	...	...	...	319	...	320	...	46	241	25	...	...	4	316	4	209	210	1	...	10·5	92	
Chief Magistrates of Districts — Under ordinary powers	89	1,914	141	1,622	108	2	...	3,876	18	1,141	382	1,094	76	952	121	3,766	92	2,336	2,392	49	932	6·9	6,692	
Chief Magistrates of Districts — Under special powers under Section 36	...	7	...	...	...	1	...	8	...	..	2	...	...	...	6	8	...	5	5	...	...	6	47	
Total	4,897	100,272	10,638	77,301	3,797	344	45	197,294	329	60,869	43,121	34,688	3,250	46,640	3,711	192,279	4,686	126,923	126,687	2,658	44,357	7·9	388,759	
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																								
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	417	3	...	...	...	*3,331	24	3,775	58	1,163	1,995	14	...	1	92	3,265	450	1,781	1,716	242	96	45·1	13,256	
Judges — Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 36, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	6	...	4	4	...	4	10·7	...	
Judges — Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 18, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	417	3	...	...	...	3,337	24	3,781	58	1,163	1,995	20	...	1	92	3,271	450	1,785	1,720	242	100	56·7	13,256	
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																								
High Courts — Cases under Sections 64, 75, and 76, C. P. C., and Section 147 High Court's Act	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	18	...	
High Courts — Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	5	...	...	...	...	85	...	90	...	10	...	79	...	...	...	89	1	75	74	1	...	21·1	432	
High Courts — Cases referred by Sessions Judge under Section 263, C. P. C.	2	...	...	...	...	26	...	28	...	7	...	16	...	...	...	23	5	18	15	5	...	29	...	
High Courts — Ditto ditto ditto ditto 287, ditto	7	...	...	...	...	63	...	70	1	4	...	58	...	...	...	63	6	56	56	6	...	24·2	...	
Total	14	...	...	...	...	175	...	189	1	21	...	154	...	...	...	176	12	150	146	12	...	23·1	432	
GRAND TOTAL	5,328	100,275	10,638	77,301	3,797	3,856	69	201,264	388	62,053	45,116	34,862	3,250	46,641	3,803	195,726	5,148	128,863	138,753	2,910	44,457	7·8	402,447	

* The commitments of two of these persons were quashed.

Annual Statement 5—(Criminal).

Statement showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction in the year 1879.

| CLASS OF TRIBUNAL. | PERSONS SENTENCED TO | | | | | | | | | | | | PERSONS ORDERED TO FIND OR GIVE | | | PERSONS IMPRISONED IN DEFAULT OF SECURITY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR. | | DETAIL OF PUNISHMENT. | | | | | | | | | | | |

Annual Statement 6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1879.

Class of Tribunal.		Number of Persons.												Number of Cases.		
		Total number of appellants and applicants for revision, including pending from previous year.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or order otherwise altered.	Reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Total whose cases were disposed of, omitting those who died or escaped, or whose cases were transferred.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Preferred during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.
APPEALS.																
To	From															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	3,458	1	343	1,657	111	365	750	68	45	6	3,345	109	1,926	1,958	71
Courts of Session	Magistrates	5,091	6	949	2,053	72	521	1,133	4	37	3	4,772	313	2,883	2,944	155
	Assistant Judges	..	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	.	.	.	.	...	...
Superior Courts — By persons convicted	Presidency Magistrates	11	.	6	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	10	1	9	8	1
	Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 36, C. P. C.	8	..	2			...	4	...	..	..	6	2	4	4	1
	Sessions Judges	1,267	1	635	264	1	123	60	1	19	...	1,103	163	716	661	87
Superior Courts — By Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 272.	All Courts	11	.	1	3	.	1	6	...	...	...	11	..	3	4	...
	Total	9,846	8	1,936	3,978	185	1,011	1,954	73	101	9	9,247	588	5,541	5,479	315
REVISION.																
By	Of order of															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	810	...	404	148	..	2	13	2	113	113	795	14	659	672	29
Courts of Session	Magistrates	1,148	1	697	21	...	...	14	10	43	226	1,011	136	612	590	69
High Court (cases referred for orders under Section 296).	Magistrates	381	..	.	107	4	27	103	74	38	..	353	28	169	169	17
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 294).	Magistrates	469	2	260	40	..	13	85	42	17	...	457	10	236	222	7
	Courts of Session	86		64	6	1	1	4	8	2	..	86	.	42	45	...
	Total	2,894	3	1,425	322	5	43	219	136	213	339	2,702	188	1,708	1,698	122
	GRAND TOTAL	12,740	11	3,361	4,300	190	1,054	2,173	209	314	348	11,949	776	7,249	7,177	437

Annual Statement 7—(Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal Courts in the Province of Bengal in the year 1879.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Jurors or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases tried with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			REMARKS.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of Persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 263, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 263, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
CRIMINAL COURTS.												
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter XXXIX, C. P. C. — Jurors ..	Four, five, or eleven	41	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts of Session . — Jurors . / Assessors	Number of Jurors 3, 5, 7, or 9. Number of Assessors 2 or more. Qualifications as described in Sections 404, 405, and 406, Code of Criminal Procedure.	453	1,139*	389	32	32	26	53	881	112	146	All offences, including abetment and attempts, falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XVI, XVII, & XVIII of the Indian Penal Code are tried by Jury in the districts of Burdwan, Dacca, Hooghly, Moorshedabad, Nuddea, Patna, and 24-Pergunnahs. Other cases in the Lower Provinces are tried with the aid of Assessors.
High Court, Original Criminal Jurisdiction . — Jurors .	Nine Jurors. Qualifications as described in Rule 2 of the Jury Rules.	75	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Total .	.....	569	1,139	430	32	32	26	53	881	112	146	

* Exclusive of cases in which opinions of Assessors were not taken, and cases in which prisoners were discharged under section 251 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.